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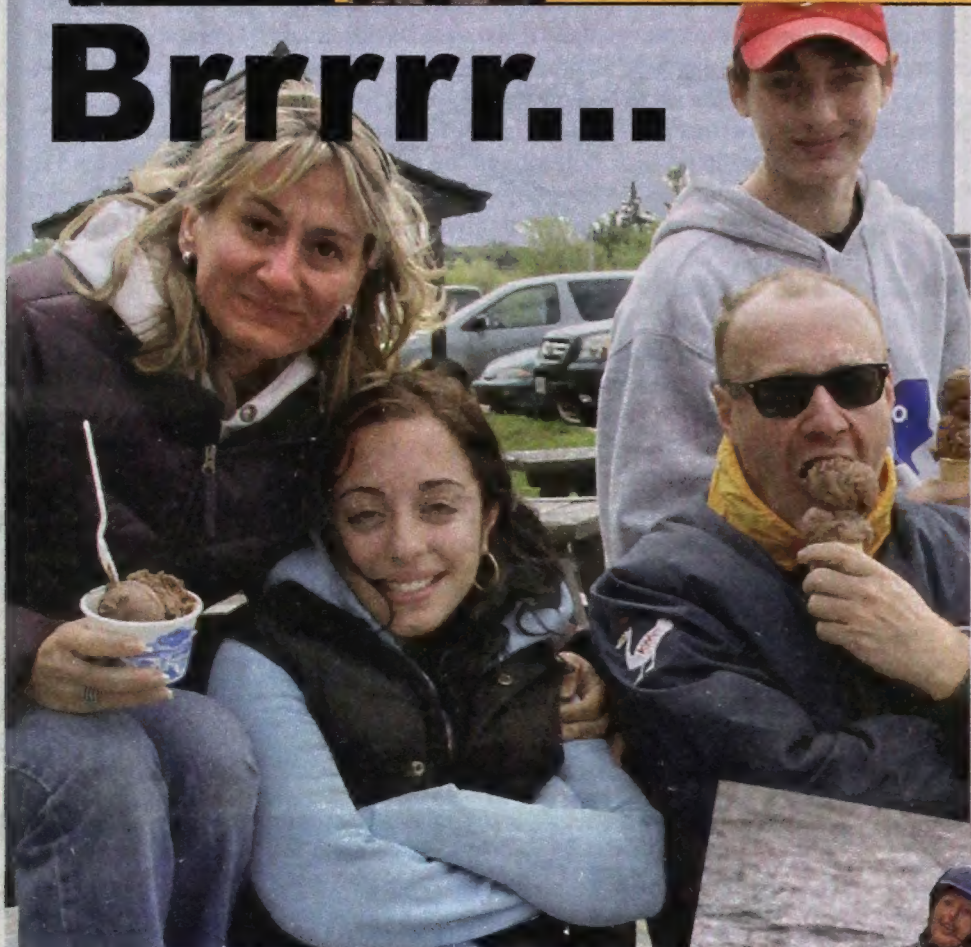


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Wet & Wild Long Weekend

By Tyson Farrell and Mark Arike

The Victoria Day long weekend this year was filled with rain, wind, and even a little bit of snow. It was hardly the weather that cottagers and Highland businesses had hoped for, but everybody tried to make the best of it. Many local businesses said that the rain helped them, while others maintained that it was definitely a detriment.

Restaurants seemed to benefit a great deal from the rainy weather.

"We were very busy. When it rains we get busier. I got 10 cases of eggs, which have 15 dozen per case. They were gone in two days. We also went through 55 pounds of bacon on each day," said Janet Tice, the owner of Kosy Korner. "I think it was busier this year than last year. Saturday was the busiest."

McKeck's Place also fared well.

"It was a good May 24 weekend. I think because of the bad weather more people came into town. It was good for us, and I think it was good for the town," said Walt McKechnie. "Our Saturday was really busy, especially with the hockey games going on."

Amy Brohm, the Tourism and Marketing Coordinator at the Haliburton Highlands

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Minden River Kings Unveil New Logo

The Minden River Kings unveiled their snappy new logo this week.

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Emphasis on the 'snappy' part.
Confused yet? We'll explain.

The new Minden River Kings' logo features a stylized snapping turtle sporting a hockey stick and full battle regalia, but head coach Mike Jeschke wants to assure tourists that they may canoe safely on the river this summer. 'Snappy the River King' may look ferocious, but he only poses a threat to wayward Zambonis; and, of course, visiting Greater Metro Hockey League (GMHL) Junior "A" teams.

"We're happy with the new logo and we think the kids will like it," says Jeschke, who is already heavily embroiled in negotiations, draft selections and player acquisitions as the River Kings gear for their first season of play in the fledgling GMHL Junior "A" loop.

Less than a month after Minden Council approved the franchise bid, Jeschke and team owners Bob Russell and Ken Girard are already fully ensconced in hockey's version of the dating game, looking for 23 skaters and 3 goaltenders to fill niche spots on the new franchise. It's a great time of year. The roster

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CUPE Members Accept County's Final Offer

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

**"I'm very
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(Warden Eleanor
Harrison)

On Tuesday night, May 20, 29 of the 33 CUPE local 1960 members met and voted to accept the final offer made by the County of Haliburton. Despite fears of a work stoppage, County employees decided they would continue to provide their services.

According to CUPE Representative Alison Davidson, the employees want the message to be clear that their decision to accept the County's final offer was made begrudgingly. Davidson, speaking on behalf of the Union told the Voice, "The members are very disappointed with the tactics the employer chose to take during this round of negotiations."

"By the threat of a lock-out, the union had no option but accept the final offer because they didn't want to

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(CUPE Rep. Alison
Davidson)

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2010 Ontario Summer Games Update

Officials from The Sport Alliance of Ontario (SAO) will be in Haliburton County on June 4 to conduct site inspections for the County's bid to host the 2010 Ontario Summer Games.

Last Wednesday, the County's Economic Development Committee was given an update on the bid. Bob Smith, Director of Economic Development says that he and Committee Co-chairs Dennis Casey and Bob Nichol all have a very positive feeling about the County's chances.

According to Smith, the County received comments back from the selection committee with about 20 questions asked for details of the County's proposal. Smith said none of the questions raised any particular concerns, and the County's response was due back last Friday.

Smith says that one of the County's biggest challenges could be providing accommodation for those venues that are planned to take place outside of the County, particularly for the general public who want to attend. Smith added that some accommodation locations may be overbooked, particularly in places like Bancroft and the City of Kawartha Lakes. Smith says he will be investigating board and meal opportunities.

Smith says a team of four or five officials from the SAO will be staying overnight on June 4, which gives the committee members a chance to showcase the area. Plans include a formal breakfast at the Delta Pinestone and Smith has asked all of Council to attend. According to Smith, an invitation will also be extended to MPP Laurie Scott and MP Barry Devolin to attend the breakfast.

Tours of the area will start after breakfast.

"This will prove to be a challenge given the distances that have to be traveled in the time allowed." He said the Committee would also like to host a barbecue in the evening to provide another opportunity to network a bit or to resolve any issues that could arise during the tour, Smith says.

Smith also said he had been interacting with other groups who have undergone similar site inspections and is fully prepared for the visit. He has set up an emcee for the breakfast in an effort to demonstrate an example of the County's ability to react well to situations. Gift bags will be provided to the visitors with products unique to the County. Smith said he has a sense that inspection day is a "make or break" opportunity.

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey said that some of the facilities scheduled for events won't be ready for the meeting, but Smith responded that SAO officials are prepared for that, given that the games are two years away. Smith did say that the group would want to know who is responsible for or committed to each aspect of the project. They will also need assurances of the County's financial capability.

"I'm confident that we'll have our ducks in line for presentation," Smith said. He said that the group would be looking at the largest and smallest as well as the best and worst of the venues in an effort to see a broad spectrum of the facilities planned for the games.

"I hope there'll be a chance for the group to view a couple of our gems to help to attract them to a unique games experience." ■

CUPE Strikes A Deal - Not A Walkout

withdraw their services from the County," said Davidson. "This is a 33-member bargaining unit that has friends and families living in the County making it doubly hard for the members to take a stand and accept a lockout."

According to Davidson, making the decision was a hard pill for the members to swallow. "Eleven of the members are seasonal workers. To threaten them with a lockout just as they were returning to work was extremely difficult."

Davidson said to make matters worse there were only two days of bargaining and one day of conciliation. "On the day of conciliation the employer slapped them with a final offer." Davidson says the County's offer was made in an extremely 'take it or leave it' manner.

Davidson continues to maintain that CUPE 1960 was not treated in the same manner as CUPE 4435 which includes paramedics working for the County. Even taking into account the different levels of training and expertise, according to Davidson CUPE 4435 has been offered a much better deal overall. Davidson said, "The offer from the employer on wages (to CUPE 4435) was substantially more than what was in the final offer for these workers."

In response to a question on the economy in the area, Davidson said, "I know the employer's position on the County's tax base and the economy of the surrounding communities, but I also know that when they need to find money they seem to be able to do so."

From the County's perspective Warden Eleanor Harrison said, "I'm very pleased that our employees have agreed to settle." Referring to the meeting that County Council held last Wednesday and the unanimous decision to support their negotiating committee, Harrison said, "I feel that the final offer we made is fair given the settlements made in the three other municipalities."

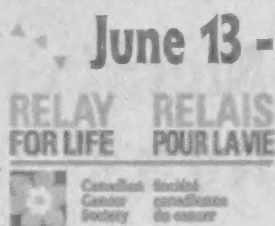
Harrison referred to comparisons between the County's offer and the agreement reached with employees in Algonquin Highlands. She said, "It's very difficult when comparing unionized workers to a non-unionized municipality. You simply can't compare wage to wage. In order to compare the County's settlement to Algonquin Highlands' you have to take a look at the entire benefit package." Harrison also said that Algonquin Highlands has a single shift of manpower. She said, "We don't have a second shift to call on when we need to give our employees a break."

Warden Harrison said, "The settlement is a huge relief to me. Knowing that as of the end of the week we could have been in a lockout/strike position weighed very heavily on me and I'm very pleased it has gone this way." ■

Happy Birthday Mark!



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SATURDAY

Mostly sunny and a bit milder
▲ 18° ▼ 7°

SUNDAY

Mostly sunny and warmer
▲ 24° ▼ 14°

MONDAY

Cooler with a chance of showers
▲ 20° ▼ 9°

TUESDAY

Partly cloudy and a bit cooler
▲ 18° ▼ 9°

WEDNESDAY

Mostly sunny and pleasant
▲ 19° ▼ 8°

AROUND THE REGION: Another chilly day will be experienced across the region on Thursday as skies will be cloudy with a few showers possible during the morning hours. Highs will be near 10. Warmer weather will be experienced on Friday and will continue right through the weekend. High will rise from the middle teens on Friday to the mid-20s by Sunday.

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Bancroft	12/3/cl	16/4/pc	18/7/su	24/14/su	20/9/sh	18/9/pc	19/8/su
Barrie	13/3/cl	16/4/pc	18/7/su	25/14/su	21/10/sh	19/9/pc	19/9/su
Dorset	12/3/cl	16/4/pc	17/6/su	24/14/su	20/9/sh	18/9/pc	18/8/su
Haliburton	12/3/cl	16/4/pc	18/7/su	24/14/su	20/9/sh	18/9/pc	19/8/su
Huntsville	12/3/cl	16/4/pc	17/6/su	24/14/su	20/9/sh	18/9/pc	18/8/su
Kingston	14/4/cl	16/4/pc	19/7/su	26/15/su	22/10/sh	20/10/pc	21/10/su
Lindsay	13/3/cl	16/4/pc	18/7/su	25/14/su	21/9/sh	19/9/pc	20/9/su
Minden	12/3/cl	16/4/pc	18/7/su	24/14/su	20/9/sh	18/9/pc	19/8/su
Oshawa	14/4/cl	16/5/pc	19/7/su	26/15/su	22/10/sh	20/11/pc	21/10/su
Ottawa	13/4/cl	13/2/cl	18/6/su	26/14/su	24/13/sh	19/12/pc	19/10/su
Toronto	14/4/cl	16/5/pc	19/7/su	26/16/su	23/13/sh	21/13/pc	21/11/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Low/Otik	Friday Hi/Low/Otik	Saturday Hi/Low/Otik	Sunday Hi/Low/Otik	Monday Hi/Low/Otik	Tuesday Hi/Low/Otik	Wednesday Hi/Low/Otik
Calgary	8/6/ra	13/5/ra	15/8/ra	14/7/sh	11/6/pc	20/5/su	21/7/sh
Edmonton	16/6/sh	17/4/sh	14/6/cl	18/10/su	21/7/su	23/4/su	23/4/su
Fredericton	14/6/sh	11/4/sh	16/4/pc	21/12/pc	15/10/sh	18/9/ra	18/7/cl
Halifax	15/5/sh	14/6/sh	14/6/dz	16/9/pc	14/11/cl	13/9/ra	13/7/pc
Montreal	13/4/sh	13/3/cl	18/7/su	26/18/su	26/14/sh	20/14/pc	20/12/su
Regina	18/8/su	17/7/sh	17/8/sh	28/12/sh	12/7/cl	19/3/su	19/4/pc
St. John's	17/7/sh	14/7/sh	10/4/sh	2/2/dz	5/2/cl	6/4/sh	7/3/pc
Saskatoon	18/8/su	18/8/cl	17/7/sh	13/5/sh	18/8/su	19/4/su	21/4/pc
Vancouver	19/13/pc	21/10/pc	24/12/pc	25/14/pc	26/16/pc	19/12/sh	19/13/sh
Whitehorse	13/4/sh	14/4/pc	18/7/cl	22/10/pc	22/13/pc	17/5/dz	18/6/sh
Winnipeg	18/7/su	18/7/pc	24/13/sh	27/14/dz	15/10/cl	17/4/su	18/4/su

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Tuesday 5/20	15°C	-2°C	0.0 mm
Monday 5/19	9°C	3°C	4.6 mm
Sunday 5/18	12°C	2°C	8.1 mm
Saturday 5/17	13°C	4°C	4.8 mm
Friday 5/16	19°C	1°C	0.0 mm
Thursday 5/15	11°C	9°C	0.0 mm
Wednesday 5/14	21°C	4°C	2.5 mm

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
Thu.	5:37 a.m./8:45 p.m.	11:39 p.m./6:55 a.m.
Fri.	5:37 a.m./8:46 p.m.	none/7:52 a.m.
Sat.	5:36 a.m./8:47 p.m.	12:18 a.m./8:56 a.m.
Sun.	5:35 a.m./8:48 p.m.	12:49 a.m./10:04 a.m.
Mon.	5:34 a.m./8:49 p.m.	1:15 a.m./11:13 a.m.
Tues.	5:33 a.m./8:50 p.m.	1:37 a.m./12:22 p.m.
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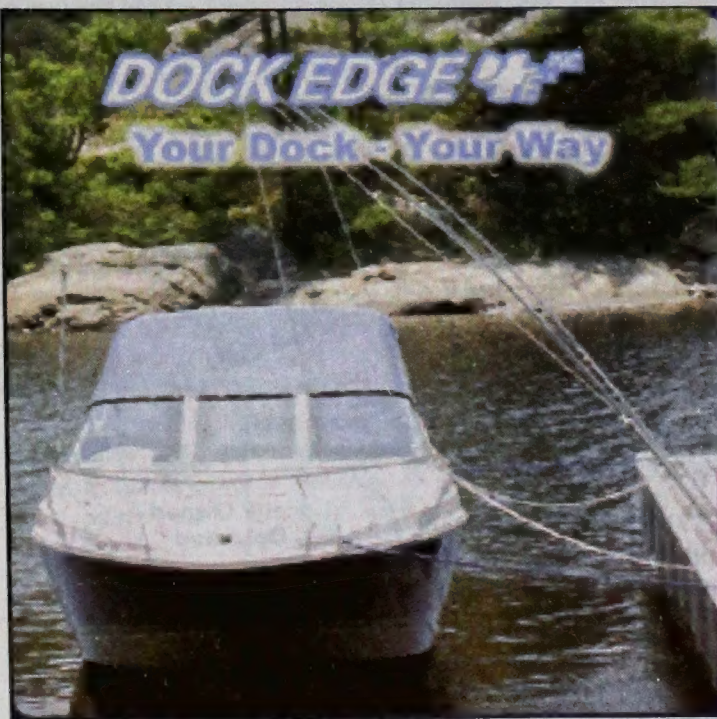
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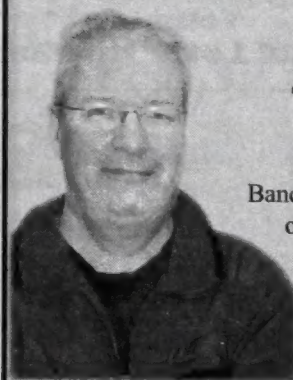
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County Voice

EDITORIAL VIEWPOINT

BY **STEPHEN PATRICK**

The Politics of Uranium



Bancroft Uranium's plan to mine more than 4,000 acres of land in Highlands East has prompted one of the strongest public and political reactions in recent Haliburton County history. Groups like FUME (Fight Uranium Mining Exploration) and EH! (Environment Haliburton!) have correctly read the public mood of apprehension over the company's plans. This Sunday there's even

going to be a pricey fundraiser at the Old Country House in Haliburton hosted by something called "The Anti-Uranium Coalition of Haliburton County" to discuss strategies. Doug Smith of Haliburton's Green Party is one of the organizers and says he hopes the Coalition will be as broad-based as possible. There are even rumours that members of the local New Democratic Party, not sighted recently in these parts, will be in attendance. Smith is at pains to point out that he would more than welcome representatives of the other political parties. "We want to be as inclusive as possible – this is not a strictly partisan issue."

Over the last two weeks we've seen well-attended public meetings involving both anti-uranium advocates and municipal-level politicians. The municipalities of Highlands East, Dysart, and Algonquin Highlands, as well as the County government have all agreed to demand the provincial government of Premier Dalton McGuinty declare a moratorium on uranium mining until a complete review of the Mining Act has been completed (and Minden Hills expects to support it at their May 29 meeting). The various cottagers associations have begun to meet and you can be sure the mining issue will be addressed. Our federal MP, Barry Devolin, has added his support to the moratorium.

As reported in last week's Voice, Bancroft Uranium has just taken over another 2,700 acres of holdings in Highlands East and is looking for more. And now the company claims to have a "close working relationship" with "local First Nations". The company's flaks, Greenspirit Strategies, won't even honour these peoples with a name, a band affiliation, or a location. This strategy could hardly be more patronising or insulting – as if First Nations peoples were ciphers hiding somewhere in the woods. What century is Greenspirit living in?

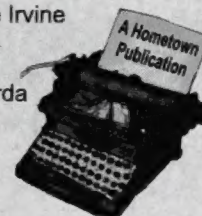
What Haliburton County needs, and has the right to expect, is some leadership by our provincial representatives. The lack of any coherent political response on the provincial level to the Irondale Asphalt plant was frankly shameful. As well, the McGuinty government's embrace of nuclear power may be behind its unwillingness to support a uranium mining moratorium: do they imagine an Ontario uranium boom akin to Saskatchewan's? If so, and if they're willing to let the mining industry call the shots, the political repercussions province-wide could be very powerful indeed. It may be that some of our local politicians are counting on environmental assessments to stop the Bancroft projects from proceeding, thereby taking away their obligation to take a position. This may be a convenient strategy, but it's not exactly brave, or honourable. And where is our loyal opposition in Queen's Park? Or are we going to have another Irondale Asphalt, "I have no position on the matter", response from Conservative MPP Laurie Scott?

Happy Birthday Kennisis Cottagers

This year marks the 50th anniversary of the Kennisis Lake Cottage Owners Association, and many festivities are being planned. The KLCOA held its spring meeting last Saturday, with over 100 cottagers in attendance in the wet and the cold. The membership numbers almost 600, and without doubt the KLCOA has been an exemplary cottage association. This past year the KLCOA was awarded the Jerry Strickland Award by the Federation of Ontario Cottagers: the KLCOA's formidable Lake Management Plan, completed last fall, has already become a model for other Associations to follow. Their establishment, in concert with the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust, of the Norah's Island conservation area is another innovative program. We'll have more on the KLCOA and the other Cottage Association as the weeks go by, but in the meantime, Happy Birthday Kennisis, and thanks for all the volunteer hours that have benefited the entire Haliburton community. ■

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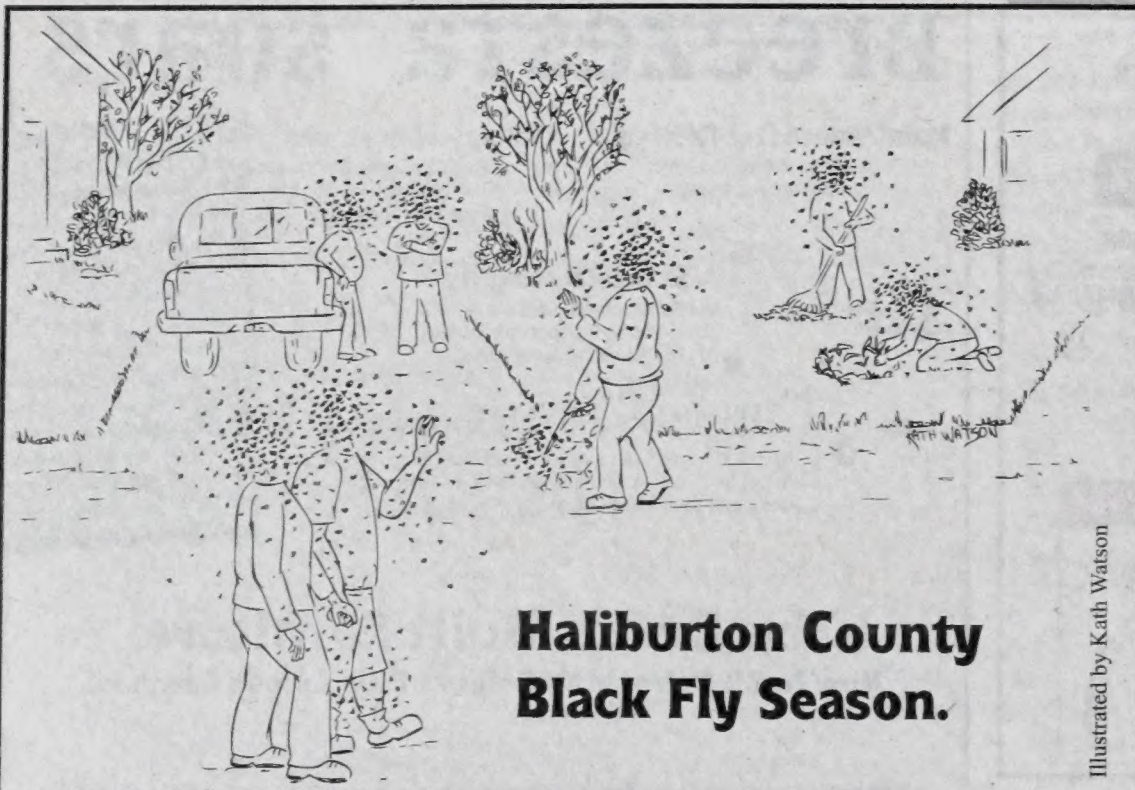
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Haliburton County Black Fly Season.

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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

I'm finding it quite difficult reading how individuals have this belief that nuclear energy is clean and green. It just proves the point that we are in desperate need to be educated about the truth of this matter. This kind of truth is a salesman truth.

Nuclear energy is a scam. The only thing it generates well is money out of the economy. What we need is people talking about real truths and real solutions. There is no future for nuclear energy or fossil fuels or coal. If our country were truly interested in a green future we would already have a plan in place that by 2020 these energy sources would be a thing of the past.

There are many studies out there proving the viability of green sustainable energies. We don't need or have ever needed nuclear energy. It was an excuse to build nuclear arsenals. We have always been able to heat our homes they have merely cut your options. But now is not the time to focus on what could have been. Planning is the stage we are at. Planning for a healthy future for all.

We have options such as photovoltaic panels, wind turbines, solar water heaters/air conditioners, geothermal, south wall heating systems and probably many others that I am not aware of. As far as costs go Wind turbines are expensive but still cheaper than nuclear and it's green energy. In other words our costs would be cheaper, healthier for our future and the future of our children. It will cost us less to go green then to stay on this road to disaster. Our government has created this chaotic system that is draining the economy of every source of life it has.

Does any one realize how many jobs factories producing green systems for our homes could create? Many crews for retrofitting homes. And the government would be saving money at the same time. This would be government investment.

My partner and I just came back from a public inquiry in Ottawa. One of the speakers was from the Pembina Institute. They had a landmark study on "RENEWABLE is DOABLE" phasing out coal by 2012, nuclear by 2027. I believe if our government put its heart into it we could see it by 2020. Germany and Spain are leading the world in green. We should be right up there with them.

The Ontario Power Authorities plan calls for only 200 megawatts of solar energy by 2025 -- Germany installed five times that in 2006 alone! The OPA's plan totally ignores power storage technologies that would allow renewable energy to be the province's primary power source. Not subordinate to a nuclear centered plan. I'd also like to speak on the so-called issues of safety. Qais Ghanem MD is a professor of Medicine at the University of Ottawa. These are some of his study reports on the effects of depleted uranium particles. It all starts with uranium ore. -Abnormal births and birth defects: genetic alterations acute myeloid leukemia, chronic myeloid, brain damage, prostate cancer, breast cancer, leukemia, brain tumours, bone cancer, colon cancer, acute immune deficiencies, childhood diabetes, fibro myalgia, gulf war syndrome.

We also need to be educated because this is what we live with: uranium ore, tailings, tailing ponds and abandoned mines. This is just the tip of the iceberg. Our children should be taught in the schools from an early age. This is a legacy that was passed down to us from our elders who knew no better. We can't make the same mistakes because now we do know.

Shawn Arscott,
 Tory Hill ■

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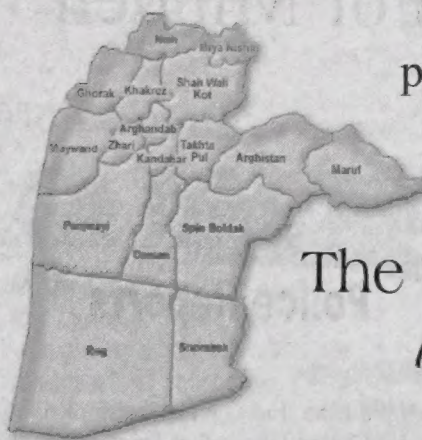


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>> Tourism Information Centre, saw a lot of action over the weekend. "Saturday was really busy in here. People come in to get maps of the area and get directions. A lot of people want to know what they can do when they come up. Sometimes when it's rainy, people come in because they don't know what it is that they can do." Despite the rain, many people wanted to get their boats in the water, and their cottages ready. "For us, the weekend was very, very, busy," said Susanne Hansen, who manages the Kennisis Marina. "We even had a bit of snow up here this weekend. It didn't matter though, because people just wanted to get their boats out. We put about 50 boats in the water. People didn't let the poor weather stop them. There were even some people out on the lake wakeboarding. They wore double wet suits to keep warm."

Wedgewood Marina was equally busy over the weekend. "When it rains, a lot of people go into town to get the essentials, but we still had a great weekend," said Colleen Vassos. "We put more than 50 boats in the water, and also made some sales. It was better than last year's May 24." While many businesses seemed to benefit from the rain, there were those that did not. "It was pretty dead because of the weather. We didn't do very well," said Jason Lindquist, manager of the Buckslide Tent and Trailer Park in Carnarvon. "We only had one guy who showed up late on the weekend. I had bookings but they didn't come because of the weather. I believe that our past records for the May long weekend have never been very good. After school is out is when we start to get busy." In Haliburton, Foodland owner Bob Park was not impressed with the weather. "I didn't do as well as last year. I think some people might have gone home early. The weather was pretty bad too. We had about 400 customers over the weekend."

Businesses that depend on outdoor activities were obviously hindered by the weather. "The weekend was fine, but it could have been a lot better if the weather was fairer," said Lakeside Golf Club owner Cindy Cox. "Fortunately golfers are a diligent bunch, and many didn't let the weather stop them." ■



"If you tell a joke – please ensure it is funny"

The Road to Kandahar A Soldier's Journal

by Captain David Beatty

Two More Rockets Hit KAF

On 14 May 2008, Brigadier General Thompson assumed command of Joint Task Force Afghanistan, which marked the point at which our transition was complete and truly, we were underway.

In what appeared to be a celebration of sorts, KAF was hit with 2 rockets later that evening fortunately with no casualties being suffered, but for those newly arrived at KAF, it was an excellent way to meet your new neighbors as you took cover in the bunkers. This leads to what is termed "Bunker Courtesy". The rules are fairly simple:

- no smoking (if you would like to shorten your life – please step outside);
- if you tell a joke – please ensure it is funny, as you may have a captive audience, but remember – we have guns; and
- if you had the curry for supper – please ensure you are closest to the door;

The week here was only marred with two Canadian soldiers being wounded in a suicide bomber attack while on patrol with the Afghan National Army. It was interesting, and reassuring to watch the system in action, upon notification of the incident, the medical facility began to prepare for the arrival of the casualties, helicopters were warned off and medical personnel put on call. Within a few hours of the incident, the two had been evacuated back to KAF and undergone medical treatment.

Spring is coming to a close here, with the end of the poppy harvest. As most of the readers are busy putting their boats and docks in the water, Canadian soldiers continue to patrol throughout the Kandahar province in the heat and dust. This week alone the high was 42 degrees Celsius (although it did go down to 25 degrees the other night – I am so glad that I packed that fleece sweater).

As we have all now settled into our new homes (read large tents), the 24th of May weekend has come and gone. Fireworks were provided by our insurgent friends, who provided yet another welcome to KAF with a few rockets in the evening. As in every rocket attack, we all hope that no one is injured, and most importantly – that they miss the Tim Horton's Trailer!

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Busy Weekend For Minden OPP

Officers from the Haliburton Highlands Detachment were kept busy over the long weekend and charged several individuals as a result of numerous investigations.

Early Friday evening an officer stopped a vehicle traveling at more than 50km/h over the posted speed limit on the Gelert Rd in the Township of Minden Hills. Connie Rowden, 41 years, of Dysart, was charged with Racing. Her drivers license was suspended for seven days and the vehicle she was driving was seized for seven days.

Late Saturday night, officers were called to investigate a motor vehicle collision on Highway #118 east of Carnarvon. The investigation revealed that a Honda Civic was westbound on Highway #118 when it entered the north shoulder and struck some small trees. The vehicle rolled over and came to rest in the ditch. Emergency Medical Services and Fire Department personnel assisted at the scene. The driver of the vehicle was taken to the Minden Hospital where he was treated and released for non-life-threatening injuries.

The driver of the Honda Paul Jeffrey Strano, 29 years of Algonquin Highlands has been charged with Impaired Driving and Drive Over 80 mgs. Mr. Strano will be appearing in Minden court in relation to the charges.

On Sunday May 18th shortly before 6:00pm officers were called to investigate a motor vehicle collision that occurred at the intersection of Highway #118 and



Police Reports

the Haliburton Lake Rd (County Rd#14). Members of the Dysart Fire Department also attended the scene.

The investigation revealed that a 1999 Mazda was stopped at the stop sign at the intersection of Hwy #118 and County Rd #14. The vehicle pulled out into the intersection in an attempt to make a left turn and was struck by a 1988 BMW that was proceeding westbound on Highway #118. Both drivers were taken to the Haliburton Hospital where they were treated and released for non-life threatening injuries.

The driver of the Mazda, Ben Lima, 58 years, of Oakville, has been charged with Failing to Yield under the Highway Traffic Act.

On Monday May 20th at approximately 2:00pm an officer from the Central Region R.I.D.E. (Reduce Impaired Driving Everywhere) Team stopped a vehicle on Highway #35 near Moore Falls. Christine Sharp, 45 years, of Oshawa, was charged for racing (doing more than 50 km/h over the posted 80 km/h speed limit). The drivers licence was suspended for seven days and the vehicle she was operating was also seized for seven days. ■

Don't Drink out of the Toilet

"That would be okay, as long as they don't drink out of the toilet."

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Since the Walkerton water crisis in 2000, even the simplest request for use of a municipal building sometimes needs careful consideration. And such was the case in Algonquin Highlands last week.

During Council's discussions of new business last week, Reeve Eleanor Harrison advised Council that she had received a request for the use of the community hall in Oxtongue for a town hall meeting over the long weekend. There was a moment of speculation among the councilors that the meeting was being held as a result of Council's recent request for a staff recommendation on whether or not to close this very same community hall. Council had to be involved in the request for use of the building because it was requested at no charge.

Council was pleased to see that the building would be used, but the question remained about when the water had last been tested and whether results from tests could be received in time to allow use of the building. Harrison said that the group was planning a 'no water event.'

Councillor Carol Moffatt was adamant, saying "I am not prepared to accept responsibility for any group regardless of them agreeing not to use the water. Council is responsible for this and we can't be sure no one will drink the water."

Discussion ensued about the possibility of shutting the water off, but it was agreed that if the building was to be used facilities would have to be available.

Staff confirmed that the last water test appeared to have been done on April 29. Provincial legislation requires that buildings with kitchen facilities that are rented out on a regular basis be tested bi-weekly, but the Oxtongue facility is not in use much these days, and testing is conducted during the week prior to it being needed.

Discussion continued with suggestions of allowing the use of the building, but posting signs about no use of the water. There was also the suggestion that the taps be shut off, but the toilets left running.

No one wanted to give the impression that the building would not be made available for any reason, but there was concern voiced that there had been insufficient notice given to have water testing completed in time. Moffatt inquired about the policy for use of municipal facilities and asked why Council was considering waiving their requirements. It was apparent that Council wanted to make every effort to make the building available.

Harrison suggested sending bottled water for use by the group. Deputy Reeve Gardner, taking the perfect opportunity to be a bit cheeky said, "That would be okay, as long as they don't drink out of the toilet."

Moffatt said, "This is not an issue of a request for a free rental." The group is gathering to try to reach solutions about the fate of their community hall and the results of the meeting might help Council in their deliberations. "It's the water I'm concerned about."

Council agreed that no decision would be made until they could find out if more recent testing had been completed. When they returned to their session after lunch, staff confirmed that the water had been tested that very week, the key picked up and the building was ready for use.

With a visible sigh of relief, Council readily agreed to allow the facility to be used at no charge. ■

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"I was too busy backing up, and watching out for traffic, I didn't see the gravel collapse beneath me," said the truck driver, who did not want to release his name.

Realizing that the truck was in danger of flipping, the driver jumped out of the vehicle, and phoned a heavy duty towing company out of Lindsay. The tow truck operators had dealt with similar situations before, and by using two trucks, they were able to slowly pull the propane truck upright again to safety. ■

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Easy Access For All?

Dealing With the Accessibility Issue in Haliburton County

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

According to Statistics Canada, there are about 1.9 million people, or about 16 per cent of the population of Ontario, who have a disability.

Disabilities can be either physical or mental. Some people face a disability from the time they are born, while others incur them due to injury, age or disease. The definition for accessibility is "the quality of being at hand when needed," or "the attribute of being easy to meet or deal with." For a person with a disability, a lack of accessibility in their surroundings makes life that much more difficult.

So, just how accessible is Haliburton County in comparison to the rest of Ontario? Are our local businesses, municipalities and community services doing enough to address the accessibility issue?

In taking a tour through the heart of Haliburton, there appear to be certain areas that could use some work. Most noticeable are a couple of broken up sidewalks, doors without push buttons for the disabled, and businesses that don't appear to have ramps for wheelchair access.

Now, most of the business entrances appear to be adequately set-up to allow people in wheelchairs to gain entry, but have some issues inside such as, items cluttering the aisles or aisles that appear to be too narrow. In speaking with one business owner to ask him about how accessible he feels his business is, he said while the building does have a ramp, it isn't up to code for wheelchairs, and in order for it to be, the length of the ramp would have to be significantly extended. There are some handicapped parking spaces on the street, however, this business does not have any.

So what is the County doing to help make life easier for disabled individuals? Perhaps one of the most significant initiatives on the go is the "Barrier Aware Program". This program received financial support from the Haliburton County Development Corporation.

Representatives from the Haliburton-Kawartha-Pine Ridge District Health Unit, Community Care, Community Living and the Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Advisory Committee are all the driving forces behind the campaign.

The goal of the program is to "create a barrier-free community and make the County a safe, convenient, comfortable and accessible place for individuals to visit and reside."

On June 13, 2005, the Accessibility for Ontarians with Disabilities Act (AODA) came into effect. The purpose of the Act is to make all public buildings and businesses barrier free on or before January, 2025. With the Act, sets of standards are being implemented that apply to businesses, public sector organizations, municipalities and provincial government.

The AODA applies to persons, businesses and other organizations in Ontario in the public and private sectors, including the Legislative Assembly of Ontario. So just how are these individuals and organizations going about helping to create a "barrier-free" society? Well, here's how it works.

Willing businesses volunteer to participate in the program. They are then evaluated by volunteers who go into the business with a checklist. This checklist includes items in and around the business such as parking lots and sidewalks, entrances and exits, stairs and public washrooms to name a few of the areas reviewed.

If the business receives a passing grade and is deemed accessible, they receive an award from the Haliburton County Joint Accessibility Advisor Committee recognizing them as being a "Barrier Aware Facility". This document is posted up in the business so that the public can see who has made the extra steps forward in dealing with the issue of accessibility.

Another organization addressing accessibility issues in Haliburton County is the Joint Accessibility Planning Committee. Made up of 10 committee members, the purpose of the group is to "aid and advise in the development of guidelines to help create a barrier-free society enhancing the

lives of all within the community."

Bill Davis, Deputy Reeve for Dysart Et Al, is one of the members on the committee. He says that the major focus for the group over the last few years has been the upgrading of County and Municipal buildings.

"We've made an inventory of deficiencies in all of the public buildings. Each municipality put a list together of what had to be fixed," said Davis. The municipalities have been given a five-year timeframe in which to complete the upgrades on their buildings.

"We want the best standards but we want them to be affordable, achievable and sustainable."

Of the five-year plan, Davis says that a lot of progression has been made in the right direction.

"I think we've come a long way in Haliburton County. We've got to continue the motion. We're making strides. They're not going as fast as someone people would like but that's because of the economics."

Davis listed some of the building renovations that have been accomplished thus far.

"The washrooms in the arena in Haliburton were made accessible, new council chambers were built and sidewalks have also been repaired," added Davis.

Another service in the community to help out those who may need it is Community Care Haliburton. Community Care offers low cost transportation that enables seniors and/or physically disabled adults to keep medical appointments in and out

of the county. The service is provided by volunteers. Some of the other services that they provide their clients include: Meals on Wheels, Friendly Visiting and Security Checks.

Also available to residents of Dysart Et Al to help them out with transportation is a "DYMO bus". The DYMO is a 12-seat mini-bus, with four of its seats designated for wheelchairs. The bus acts as a door-to-door transit system for physically challenged persons who are unable to use conventional transit. Examples of individuals who may be eligible to use the service include the elderly, visually impaired, cognitively disabled or those with epilepsy.

Kelvin Mann, owner of Minden Taxi says he won't be looking at purchasing a fully-accessible vehicle because "there's not enough need to warrant the cost of one."

"I don't have anything in the way of a wheelchair vehicle," said Mann. "We might have two people in a year who call to inquire about it," said Mann. "And even a used van costs \$20,000."

So how is life in the County for a disabled person?

Minden resident Rob



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The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills hereby gives notice that an application has been made to the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities pursuant to the *Navigable Waters Protection Act* for approval of the work described herein and its site and plans. Pursuant to Section 9 of the said Act, The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills has deposited with the Minister of Transport, Infrastructure and Communities, and in the Office of the District Registrar of the Land Registry District of Haliburton County, at 12 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario under deposit number 276765 a description of the following work, its site and plans: Pedestrian Footbridge In, on, over, under, through or across the Gull River, Township of Minden Hills (formerly Township of Minden) in the County of Haliburton, in front of Part of Lot 4, Concession A, (shoreline road allowance) (approximately in front of the Wild Swan Bed and Breakfast (Invergordon Street) to the former Campbell's Garden Centre, (Water Street) Minden.

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Tantalizing Show Premieres at Art Hive

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On May 9, one of the most unusual art exhibits in the history of the Highlands premiered at the Art Hive in Carnarvon. The 37 pieces of art, containing brassieres and artistically rendered female breasts, were revealed to an amazed audience. The exhibit, titled Cash Cups for Cancer, is a cancer fundraiser that seeks to foster artistic development in Haliburton County.

Cash Cups for Cancer was created by a group of local artists called the Crafty Girls. The group is based out of Carnarvon's Art Hive, where they regularly meet to work on various art projects. Like so many these days, members of the Crafty Girls were directly, and indirectly, affected by cancer.

Determined to fight the disease, members of the Crafty Girls decided to host a fundraiser. Being artists, it seemed natural that the fundraiser be artistic. They therefore invited artists of the Highlands to contribute art. The only condition: all art submitted had to incorporate a real brassiere. Despite the bizarre bra clause, the response was overwhelming - 23 local artists submitted 37 pieces of art.

The exhibit features many different art forms, including paintings, sculptures, mosaics, and clothing. Despite the evocative nature of the exhibit, all of the pieces are tasteful and beautiful to behold.



Noelia Marzali with her entry

"I think the exhibit is amazing," said spectator Dianne Hagerman. "It's amazing, beautiful, and very thought-provoking."

Other audience members were of a similar opinion. "I'm very impressed. I like the exhibit because it's so feminine. I like the way the art is conveying important messages about cancer," said Jocelyn Regina. The show was certainly well received by the many spectators that attended the premier. Artists involved in the show also enjoyed the experience. Haliburton's Noelia Marzali is one of the artists whose work is on display, and she spoke of the experience.

"I think that the event is important because it's good to

make art that's for a purpose other than just hanging on the wall. It's good to create art for a cancer fundraiser."

All of the art in the exhibit is for sale, and proceeds are being donated to the Haliburton-based cancer charity Cottage Dreams. The art is currently being sold through a silent auction, but if pieces are hotly contested, there will be a live auction when the exhibit ends on May 24. It would appear as though a live auction will be needed, since many pieces have generated a great deal of interest.

"It's going really well. We had people bidding on pieces before the exhibit even opened," said event organizer Laura Trach. "There are some absolutely wonderful pieces. Art comes in many forms, and it should be shown in all its forms. That's what this show is trying to do. I think this show is a great opportunity, because it adds diversity to the local art scene, adds new names, and takes more risks."

The exhibit could be considered risky because of its representation of the female body, but its artistic appeal is undeniable. The premiere was a resounding success, and the exhibit will no doubt continue to receive praise until it closes. Until then, Highlanders would be doing themselves a favour by swinging by the Art Hive and checking out the fascinating Cash Cups for Cancer art show. ■

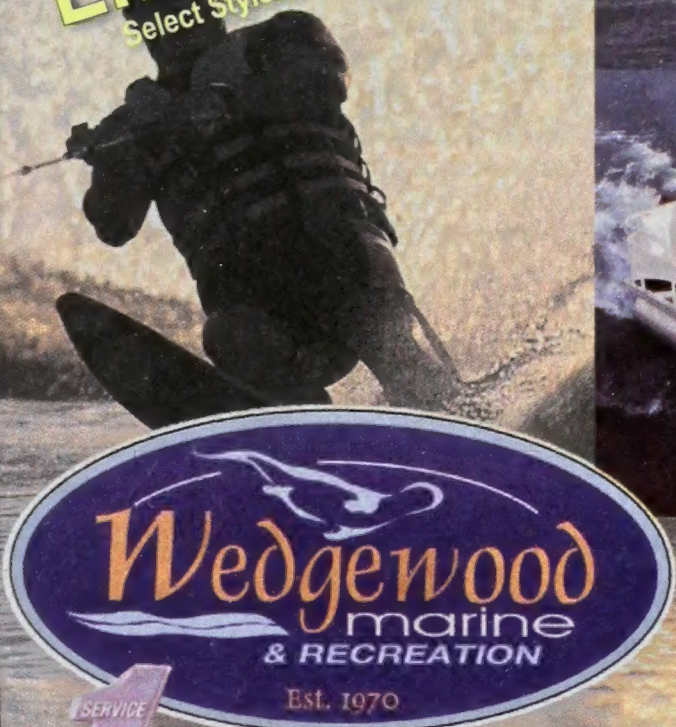


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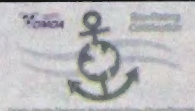
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The "yard-salers" were on their usual Saturday rampage last weekend in Haliburton County, arriving at the sales long before opening, and doing what bargain hunters do on the long May weekend. They came looking for treasure. This year, the Minden Kin Club contributed a new twist to the art of outdoor discount shopping, the "tarp & trailer-sale". Although not quite

a major mall event just yet, people searched contentedly among the treasures for that special bargain, oblivious to the elements.

Along with many local projects, the Minden Kin Club is active within the national Kin campaign to combat Cystic Fibrosis (CF). This year, Tom Prentice received the Outstanding Zone President Award for his achievements. The Minden club was also the recipient of the Bill Skelly National Award for its outstanding work.

On Sunday, Moose FM, along with the governor of the district, Paul Shepard, the CF zone representative, Mike Day and Al Simpson the deputy governor, reinforced the local crew. The Minden club is a member of Zone C, along with Lindsay, Peterborough, Bobcaygeon, Brighton and Port Hope. Minden



will be hosting the Kin Zone C spring conference here next April.

All proceeds from this weekend's third annual CF fund-raiser will be channeled through the national organization to support the Canadian Cystic Fibrosis Foundation (CCFF). Since 1964, Kin has given over \$35 million to the CCFF, and is unquestionably part of the reason that the life expectancy for people with CF has increased

fifteen-fold over that same period of time.

More information on Cystic Fibrosis is available at www.cysticfibrosis.ca, or through the Minden Kin Club. ■



Wheelchair Access

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>> Young knows what it's like. At the age of 18, he became a quadriplegic after he was involved in a diving accident. Young has lived in Minden for the past 33 years and uses an electric wheelchair to navigate around the village. He has also been actively involved on the Joint Accessibility Committee.

"It is an old community," he says about Minden. "Some of the buildings are just harder to make accessible." Young says that in rare instances, some businesses are not putting in enough of an effort to help make life easier for those with disabilities.

"I'm disappointed with the ones that fill their aisles with stuff. Also, some put signs up saying the business is 'disability friendly,' when they're not."

Young also notes that automatic door openers, which are intended to help, can also pose a problem. This is because the push button to open the doors is often in a spot he can't access because it's out of his reach.

"You've got to be able to get in the building, because that's just common courtesy."

On the other hand, he gives most of the sidewalks, stores and other parts of the town a passing grade. Young says that it's the geography we live in that causes him the most amount of difficulty.

"We have some issues with the lay of the land, like rocks and hills," he said.

So does Young feel like the County is stepping ahead in the right direction?

"It's happening. We (disabled community) have to be patient, but we have to be forceful. We don't want to become a nuisance. We want the community to be accessible to not only people in wheelchairs but to all. That way it makes life easier for everyone."

And as far as community support goes, Young says there's plenty of it.

"Everyone in town helps me. It's community friendly. Nobody's afraid to come up and say hello."

Resorts in the summer are major destinations for tourists coming to the Highlands in the summer. In a recent column by Barry Devolin, MP for Haliburton-Kawartha Lakes-Brock, he states that Canadian communities are not fully benefiting from the participation of people with disabilities.

Throughout the course of his travels, Devolin says he has heard those with disabilities speak about the barriers they face daily like: inaccessible buildings, inadequate aids/support and a lack of awareness.

Kevin Wyer, general manager of the Delta Pinestone Resort, says he understands the need to accommodate those with disabilities. Wyer says that providing great customer service is something the resort is always trying to do.

"As long as people let us know what they need, we're awfully good at making people comfortable," said Wyer.

He adds that there are two official designated wheelchair parking spots on-site, and that there are several ramps designed for wheelchairs to get people in and out of the resort. Also, there are designated rooms that have lowered peepholes in doors, and handrails in the bathrooms.

Wyer says there is an agreement between the new owner and Delta to ensure greater accessibility within a 12-month time.

"We hope that by the end of 2008, we'll have five rooms that are designated for people with disabilities."

For the time being, he is urging those who face accessibility issues to let the resort know before they book a room. That way, the necessary adjustments will be made to better accommodate that person. ■



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NOTICE

Re: Seniors' Month

Council for the Municipality of Highlands East passed the following resolution at the Tuesday, May 13, 2008 Council meeting:

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Municipality of Highlands East proclaims June 1 – 30, 2008 Seniors' Month in the Municipality of Highlands East and encourages all citizens to recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of our seniors.

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Lea Harper Reading a Riveting Event

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

On Friday, May 16, there was a full house at the R.D. Lawrence Centre as dozens of Highlanders listened to local writer Lea Harper read from her latest book. The unusual design of the building distorted sight lines and made the performance somewhat cramped, but audience members enjoyed the show nonetheless.

The evening was introduced with a slideshow biography of R.D. Lawrence, and after the slideshow finished, Minden playwright Michael Fay introduced Harper.

"Lea is a journalist, a writer, a competent actor, and an incredible contributor to our community," he said. "She is an amazing poet who has a strong local following. She has published two books, and she will be reading from her book-in-progress this evening."

After Fay's introduction, Harper addressed the audience.

"I absolutely adore this centre. I'm surprised and delighted by how many people have come to a literary reading on a long weekend," she said. "Michael Fay is the R.D. Lawrence Centre's current writer in residence, and he has put together a series of spring readings. He invited me to join the readings, and read from my book. Without Michael, I would not have had the courage to read an unfinished work."

Harper's book is titled *Half Lives*, and it is her first novel. Her other publications have been books of poetry. Harper explained that while she loves writing poetry, she often finds its short length constricting. She therefore decided to write a full novel, which would give her the time and space to explore themes

in greater detail. She began her current book in September, and she has written throughout the long winter season. Lea's novel tells the story of two twin girls growing up in the 1960s and 70s. It explores the competitive nature of siblings and the symbiotic nature of twins, while also addressing issues such as religious authority. Harper is a twin herself, and she says that the catalyst for the book was her fascination with twins.

Although Harper was nervous to reveal her book-in-progress, she read several passages of it to the audience. Her apprehension proved baseless, for the audience eagerly accepted her book, and enjoyed it a great deal. They laughed often, responding to comic portions of the novel. Although the audience found the book funny, they also appreciated

you know that you have a story, and a compelling one," Harper said. "I've written prose before, but never pursued a novel before. Music is what made me money, and poetry was my first love. I wrote some short stories, but I recently realized that it was time to get serious about writing a long story."

"For me, the blank page was the scariest thing. I need to feel energy and passion in order to fill the page. If I don't feel those things, I lose my thread and go astray."

When asked if her book was biographical, Harper responded, "It's not a grand confessional. The novel goes back and forth through fact and fiction. It manipulates reality, and the characters do have free will. Although the twins in the novel do reflect my relationship with my sister, they also convey different messages. They are about listening to our own voices, and creating a sense of self."

Harper explained to the audience that living on a lake in the Highlands has helped her creative process.

"I appreciate the solitude, because it allows me to talk to myself. I also love walking down forest roads alone, because it gives me time to think. A lot of people say that their best thoughts come to them while they're washing the dishes. I do a lot of my thinking when I'm walking along the road. Living on a lake is also great, because the lake is like a mirror. It reflects my thoughts back to me."

Audience member Nicole Rallis said she enjoyed the reading.

"I really liked listening to Lea," said Rallis. "Her novel is interesting and thoughtful. It also made me realize just how many different types of talented artists live within Haliburton County."

The R.D. Lawrence Centre will continue to showcase local writers and artists as the spring reading program continues. On Friday, May 23, local mask maker and storyteller Fay Wilkinson will be performing at the centre. With the great success of Harper's reading, there is little doubt that the next event will be well attended. ■



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its serious and interpretive aspects. When Harper finished her reading, she was greeted with thunderous applause.

After a short intermission, R.D. Lawrence Centre coordinator Sheryl Loucks

questioned Harper about her novel. Like most audience members, Loucks was so impressed with Harper's novel that she had a hard time believing it was a first draft.

"Yes, it's still in the editorial process. People tear the book up, but the process is still important. I go on editorial retreats, work on the book, and drink wine. The editorial process is good because it lets you know that you're not derailed. It lets

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Reaching Out To the Community

John Howard Society of Kawartha Lakes and Haliburton Opens New Office

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The John Howard Society of Ontario is an organization that works towards helping people who are looking to turn their lives around. Most of these people have either been in trouble with the law or are at risk of becoming involved in criminal activity. Each year about 50,000 individuals in Ontario are helped by the Society and its affiliates across the province.

In the heart of Haliburton, a John Howard Society location is now open at the Halco Plaza on Hwy 35. Last Thursday, May 15, they had their grand opening.

Sherry Harpell is the new Outreach Literacy Coordinator for the centre that provides basic skills upgrades for adults in reading, writing, math and computers. Harpell used to work for Community Living out of Lindsay and was responsible for clients in the Haliburton area.

Harpell says that the John Howard Society has been in Haliburton since 1991, but operated under the name of "The Haliburton Highlands Learning Program".

"I will provide pretty much whatever somebody needs," says Harpell, who is currently the only staff member at the Haliburton office. "It could be a variety of things like: literacy, computer skills, or honing your skills for a job in the community," she said.

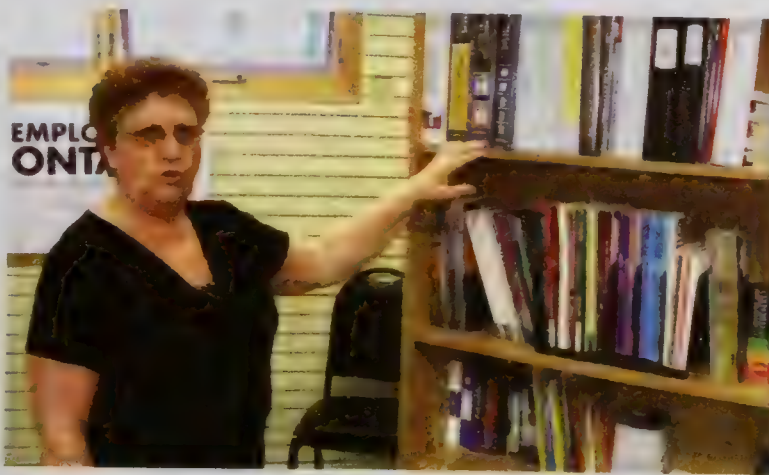
According to Harpell, it's the comfortable environment that the office offers which allows people to feel welcome.

"I'm a very low key person. I try to keep the atmosphere quiet, calm and inviting."

Harpell says that she's suited for the job because of her past social work experience.

"I've been in the social work field for almost 20 years. I also work with community service orders, so it's not just literacy. Community service orders are for an offender who has been in trouble with the law and has been convicted with part of their sentence requiring them to give back to the community. My role in that is to work closely with probation and parole officials to help find them a placement with a non-profit agency."

Those who use the program volunteer to do so and Harpell works with both youth and adults in this County-wide service. The base of support for Outreach Literacy is provided by the Ontario



with students in the program. To find how you can become a volunteer for Outreach Literacy, give Sherry a call at 705-457-3430. ■

Ministry of Colleges, Training and Universities, volunteer hours and donations.

"At the end of April I did a tour of the County. I went to Wilberforce, Cardiff, Harcourt and visited the municipal offices and the libraries. I left my card and brochure so it's by word of mouth," she said about making people aware of the program.

Currently, Harpell is looking for volunteers who can help provide direct service with one-to-one tutoring or leaders for a small group class. The basic skill training is free and confidential.

"Right now I work with the people on the computer but a volunteer could easily do that and that would free me up to do other things."

She works on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's but if volunteers start signing up more days in the week will start to open up. "If I had a learner and a tutor and they could only do a Monday or a Friday, they would have access to the space."

Tutors will typically spend between one and two hours a week with students in the program. To find how you can become a volunteer for Outreach Literacy, give Sherry a call at 705-457-3430. ■

Lions Serving Dinner



On Friday May 16, the Minden District Lions Club hosted a spaghetti dinner at the Lions Hall. The dinner cost only six dollars, and was open to the public. "The Minden Lions Club just gave away more than 3000 dollars to the Music on the Gull, Walk for the Cure, and other groups," said incoming president Brian Moore. "This dinner is one of the ways we hope to raise more funds. We thought that the dinner would also be a good way to show off our hall, and let people see what it's like. We were hoping to have at least 50 people come for dinner. We've had about 70, so we're happy." The Minden Lions hope to have more public dinners in the months to come, each featuring a different dish. ■

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Elva Bates Honoured in Gooderham

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

A committed group of friends and supporters gathered Sunday afternoon to celebrate the achievements of Gooderham resident Elva Bates. This special tribute was twofold

in nature. During the first presentation Bates was honoured with a living legacy in the form of a white pine planted in the park at the Glamorgan Community Centre. The celebration then moved out of the rain and into the Community Centre where a heritage artifacts display case was named in Bates' honour.

Elva Bates was born on South Lake in Snowden Township. She has been in the Highlands all of her life and as of Saturday, she has lived in Gooderham for 51 years. Elva, the daughter of Ab and Maggie Fox, married Harry Bates in 1947 at the tender age of 17 and had three children, Gayle, Patsy and Doug.

Bates has served the community in a full- and part-time basis in many ways. Although she started her working career in the community as a young seamstress, Bates also worked with the Glamorgan Township Library, in the community's Post Office and as the Secretary of the Glamorgan Township School Board.

During the years, an interest in civic affairs was sparked in Bates and after working for many years as the Clerk-Treasurer of Glamorgan, Bates became the Reeve of the Township for two terms and then served as Warden of Haliburton County in 1999. In an earlier interview given to the Highlands Communicator,

Bates said, "holding down two posts at the same time just about did me in."

Bates has championed many causes during her life and was one of the founding members of both the Highlands East Arts & Crafts Tour and the Gooderham Community Action

Group (GCAG). She recently decided to retire from the GCAG, and the remaining members were unanimous in their desire to honour Bates for her many years of commitment.

During a ribbon-cutting ceremony at the white pine, Reeve Dave Burton, Councillor Donna Graham and Barb Bader, Chair of the Gooderham Community Action Group welcomed those gathered. Bader spoke of Bates' many achievements.

"Elva has served her community faithfully over the years and has always been dedicated to getting things done," Bader said.

"You would think that after all her hard work, Elva would sit back and relax a bit, but she took up a new career a few years ago, and has become a historian and author."

Bader said she learned a wealth of things from Bates during their years of working on projects together.

"When Elva gets wind of a job that needs to be done, she's like a bulldog until her vision is fulfilled," said Bader, and when the group was dedicating the tree Bader added, "It's an honour to be able to honour you with this pine tree."

According to Bader, Bates had a vision of a heritage showcase in the community hall. This vision was realized on Sunday with a showcase donated by the Municipality of Highlands East and the Gooderham



Community Action Group and built by Brian Homer.

Reeve Dave Burton dedicated the showcase to the people of Highlands East and Ward 3 in particular. The showcase displays a number of historical pieces including an old baseball shirt and pants, three trophies donated by Murray Hunter (Hunter's Lumber Ltd.) and a number of other trophies collected from the area over the years for everything from baseball to horseshoes.

Of special note were three old ledgers, all more than 100 years old, that were donated and placed into a special separate showcase prepared to hold them. This showcase was built for the ledgers in a very distinctive way as it was painted with a local scene by Bates' own daughter Gayle.

The first ledger was donated by Barbara Whalen who is a direct descendent of the McColl family, among the earliest settlers in the area. The ledger was the first record from (Donald) McColl's store which was established in the early 1900s. Whalen said the journal had been in her family home for years, and noted that a review of the records showed that her grandfather still owed the store 99 cents.

The second ledger was donated by Elda Hunter, also a descendent of the original McColl family who married one of the original Hunters.

The ledger, kept by Alice Hunter herself, came from the Alice Hunter (& Sons) Sawmill.

Ronald Barr donated the third ledger that came from Barr's General Store. According to Bates'

book "A Journey through Glamorgan's Past" the first store started in the home of Peter Barr in the late 1980s. The store went through a number of transitions, but played an integral part in the community for many years. The name Barr was finally removed from the store in 2005, but is not forgotten.

Bates' energy continues to serve her well. Her first book is the result of countless hours of research and is a very detailed accounting of the history of the area. It has been well received was the beginning of Bates' career as an author.

Bates is currently working on a historical novel that has a working title of "Destination Gooderham", where all of her main characters eventually end up.

Bates seems to go at her writing the way she committed herself to her other career successes, and says her characters just won't quit, they are part of the driving force in her life right now. ■

Pictured Above
Elva Bates of Gooderham stands next to the White Pine that has been planted in the park at the Glamorgan Community Centre in her honour.

Elva Bates, Marilyn Wooster, Reeve Dave Burton, Barbara Bader and Councillor Donna Graham take time out for a group photo during a dedication to Elva by the Gooderham Community Action Group and the Municipality of Highlands East.



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Hospital Auxiliary Purchases New Items for Haliburton

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

Over the years the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary has raised a ton of money for the hospital, purchasing dozens of items, ranging from bathtubs to X-ray machines, for the two local hospitals. Last week they added two new items to the list when they purchased a trauma stretcher and an acute care lounge chair for the Haliburton Hospital.

"Trauma stretchers are great because they allow you to move patients less. You can slide x-ray cassettes right into the side of the stretcher, allowing you to x-ray a patient on the stretcher," explained Haliburton x-ray technologist Keriann Griffin. "Moving patients between stretchers can be very painful for the patient and very disruptive when you're trying to set a fracture. It's also hard lifting for the nursing staff." The stretcher can also be used for a wide variety of medical procedures, making it a very useful tool for the hospital. "The stretcher has everything a doctor needs attached to it. That way they don't need to look for everything when a patient is in trauma," said Joan Stinson of the Haliburton Hospital Auxiliary. The purchase of the stretcher required a great deal of fundraising, since it is worth approximately \$10,000. The funds were raised through a many different events, including yard sales, book sales, and fashion shows.

The new lounge chair was also costly, at about \$1,600. "The chair is great, because it's very comfortable, and it folds out. It's a multipurpose chair. It can be used to sleep in, which gives family members somewhere to sleep when



they're staying with loved ones. It can also be used by patients, giving them somewhere else to rest during the day other than their beds or wheelchairs," said acute care clerk Alison Bangay. "The Hospital Auxiliary does wonderful work, and it's much appreciated. They make things a lot easier."

The Hospital Auxiliary has helped the local hospitals a great deal over the years, but their fundraising campaign is far from over. The Auxiliary operates gift shops in both local hospitals, where they sell many gifts, clothing items, and useful patient items. The Auxiliary will be hosting several fundraising events during the upcoming summer season. The first event will be their Spring Fling fashion show on June 1 at the Haliburton Legion. The show is being sponsored by County Pickens, and will feature many beautiful new fashions. Stinson says, "More funds are always needed, and there is never enough government funding to cover everything that the hospitals need." ■



Above Left
X-ray technologist Keriann Griffin, Dr. Greg Karaguesian, RN Tracey Lopez, and RPN Tamara McRae with the new stretcher.

Pictured Above
RPN Dianne Stamp, Joan Stinson of the Hospital Auxiliary, and RPN Terry-Lynn Fairey pose with the new chair.

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Considering the Buckslide Dam Bridge

TSW is spending 60 million dollars on upgrades and this is a drop in the bucket

Tom Gardner

The Algonquin Highlands Council has asked their engineering firm to have a close look at the Buckslide Dam Bridge. The bridge is now restricted to single lane traffic and ongoing erosion poses a threat to its longevity. Matt McDonald of G.D. Jewell Engineering gave Council some food for thought last Thursday.

The bridge, originally built in the 1920s was widened to two lanes in 1985. A recent inspection report recommended work to the tune of about \$17,000 but subsequent to that a detailed investigation was done by Public Works staff by lowering the water levels. That investigation discovered a major problem with the abutments. One of them is completely eroded and there is an ongoing loss of material. Recent applications for funding have been unsuccessful, much to the annoyance of Council.

McDonald says that maintaining single lane traffic is only a temporary measure. The alternatives include rehabilitating the existing bridge, replacing the bridge in the same location or replacing it with a new alignment. McDonald recommended geotechnical work and suggested that an OLS survey be conducted to determine

exactly what land is owned by the Municipality and identifies what property they may have to purchase should Council decide on a re-alignment.

Once geotechnical and survey work are completed, with Council's approval McDonald's firm will be able to define the Municipality's options, provide preliminary designs, detailed construction estimates and make recommendations on how to move forward. According to McDonald, funding groups give a higher priority to construction ready projects.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that she had been shocked initially when she learned how much work was needed to repair the bridge. She asked at what point it would be prudent for Council to involve Trent Severn Waterway officials. Harrison said that sooner or later it must be determined whether the TSW will be involved in the project or if the relationship should be severed. McDonald said contact with the TSW had indicated they are not willing to enter into a joint project any time in the near future. He said the Township's needs are more immediate.

McDonald said that if the bridge is replaced in its existing location a full environmental assessment will likely be called for by the TSW. He added that the TSW have no objections to rebuilding the bridge in the same location but will want continued access to maintain the dam and to operate the stop logs. McDonald cautioned that this option could raise even more concerns during construction given that the dam itself is as old as the bridge.

Council discussed a number of options, and it seemed apparent that regardless of the final decision, some form of working relationship must be maintained with the TSW until both the original bridge structure and the dam are either repaired or removed. There are also cost saving measures to be realized by any agreement to work in concert with the TSW.

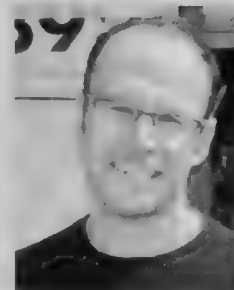
Frustration was voiced by several members of Council at the lack of interest by the TSW and whether that interest should be encouraged. Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner said, "TSW is spending \$60 million on upgrades and this is a drop in the bucket." Reeve Harrison said that as their planning moves forward, letters should be written to both the MP and MPP keeping them informed. In the meantime TSW will be kept in the loop. Part of the environmental assessment process requires Council to look at all available alternatives and Council were unanimous in their wish to be ready should a source of funds become available for the project.

A resolution was passed acknowledging receipt of the proposal by G. D. Jewell Engineering Services and authorizing them to look at options for the Buckslide Bridge for a total cost of \$19,695.00. ■

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Have Your Say...
VOX POP

We asked people around town, "How do you feel now that there is no family doctor in Minden?"



Richard Smith, Minden – "We need to work together as a community to attract doctors. We need to convince young doctors and medical professionals that the Highlands are a great place to live and practice."



Bernice Martin, Minden – "My family would really like to have a doctor in town. We've lived here for quite a while, and now we have to travel to Peterborough to see a doctor."



Bill Cornfield, Horseshoe Lake – "I now live in the area, but I still see my doctor from the city because there aren't enough permanent doctors in Minden."



Gwyneth Cornfield, Horseshoe Lake – "The absence of doctors is really bad for the community. Surely something can be done to get another family doctor."



Opel Crow, Minden – "I've had to drive to Bracebridge for years to see a doctor. Now I'm traveling to Haliburton to see the Nurse Practitioner. Driving 15 minutes is better than driving an hour and 15, but I still want a Minden doctor."



Louise Cooper, West Guilford – "I think it's a real concern for the people of Minden. It's very difficult for people in Minden, especially seniors, to get consistent medical care."

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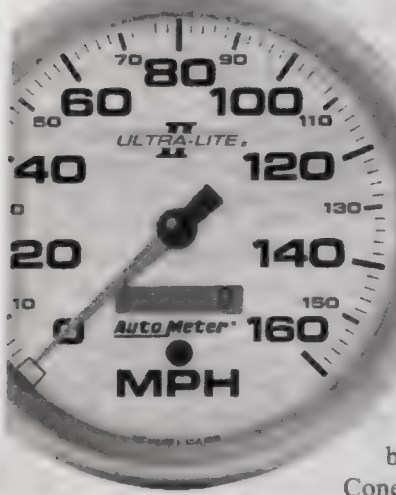
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Taking a Stand on Speeding

Robert Barnett wanted the County Council to install speed bumps on Kashagawigamog Lake Road, but will have to settle for increased patrols by the OPP.

Barnett had written several times to the County about the issue, and finally made a presentation to the County Roads Committee last Wednesday. Barnett's main concern is what he calls "continuing excessive speeding" by drivers along a designated safety zone between Conestoga Road and the bridge that spans the waterway from Kashagawigamog Lake to Canning Lake. In addressing the Roads Committee, Barnett said that the speed warning signs posted by the County last year have had absolutely no effect in reducing speeds. He also says that the road, which used to be considered a quiet country road, is not designed for the type of traffic use it has now, saying the numbers are now in excess of 1,100 vehicles a day.

Barnett questioned the speeding and traffic statistics provided by the County, saying he has done his own surveying of the situation and adding, "The offenders are widespread, and not confined to any particular segment of the populace."

Barnett said the OPP are not doing enough to deter the speeding, and he suggested the only alternative is to install speed bumps. Barnett said he invited the OPP to use his driveway to set up a speed trap two years ago, and that they came out once, but that was the last he saw of them.

Barnett said he has concerns about the children he sees crossing the road for ice cream at the restaurant.

"The kids seemed oblivious to the vehicles converging at 110 feet per second with no regard for them."

Barnett said a prior request for a safety zone in Minden was not heeded until a child had been hit, and Barnett wanted to know why action was only taken after someone was killed.

"The speeders are either locals that don't give a damn about the law, or cottagers who feel they're above the law."

He said he has even seen off duty officers who don't respect the law. He suggested four speed bumps located at 300-metre intervals. Barnett also invited the OPP who were present at the meeting to use his driveway again, and asked members of the committee to check the situation out for an hour to see how people fly by.

"I know I'm being a pain but I'm at my wit's end," he said, adding, "If the police come out even occasionally the word will get out."

Committee Chair Murray Fearrey said that regardless of how much the OPP patrol for speeders, there is always pressure for them to get off traffic control and do something about "more serious issues". Fearrey agreed that speed bumps do work, but added that, "The reality is that the houses in your area are too close to the road and the commercial business has no parking and encourages people to park across the road."

"If this was an isolated case we would be more inclined to talk about it."

Constable Mike Landry said that it is normal for at least 20 per cent of drivers in any area to exceed the speed limit, and as many as 80 per cent in high traffic areas like Hwy. 401. Landry, who has recently returned to the County, said he has lived in Haliburton for almost 20 years and he has heard the same complaint from all over the County.

Landry said there is limited time that can be dedicated to traffic enforcement for a number of reasons, including other responsibilities, training, holiday coverage and calls to places like Caledonia and Deseronto, all of which cut the OPP's numbers to a minimum compliment.

Landry said he firmly believed in conducting traffic blitzes and radar in rural areas that are highly traveled. Landry added that it was Road Safety Week, and he would check the area out.

A discussion ensued and the committee passed a unanimous resolution asking the OPP to provide increased patrols in the area. ■

Alberta Denied



Bureaucratic Error Costs Student Her Trip

Laura Pottier was awarded a trip for her project "Logging in Haliburton County", however on May 20, Pottier was informed she would no longer be travelling to Alberta because of a mistake by the school board.

Trillium Lakelands District School Board judges awarded the 13-year-old Minden resident a trip to Alberta, where she was to compete in a national competition, and Pottier was thrilled. In a story in last week's Voice, Pottier said she was extremely excited to fly on a plane, and to travel to a different province. However, that excitement has now turned to sadness, since she was informed that she would not be travelling to Alberta to compete in the national competition.

"My mom told me when I came home from school on Tuesday," Pottier said. "I feel upset and mad. I worked really hard on my project, and I believe that I deserve to go to the nationals. I think that the school board should have double checked that they had a spot to offer before they started making promises. On May 9 they told me that I could go, so I was excited for almost a month."

The national history competition is hosted and administrated by the Historica Foundation. Each year, Historica allows 15 of Ontario's 21 school boards to send a delegate to the competition. This year, Trillium Lakelands was not permitted to send a delegate, however officials at the school board say they were not aware of this detail. Therefore, when Pottier won the Lindsay competition, they told her that she was going to Alberta.

"We're sympathetic for the Pottier family, but the bottom line is, we were unaware that we didn't have a spot to offer," said Trillium Lakelands communications officer Jeanne Pengelly. "I've never heard of this kind of mistake happening before, but with an event like this, in which different levels are organized by different people each year, communication problems do occur."

Lyn Winans, Pottier's teacher, commented, "Laura Pottier is one of the most responsible grade seven students I have ever taught. In true Laura fashion, she has accepted the situation as having been an honest mistake, but the three weeks of anticipation is the heartbreaker. I certainly hope someone can correct this mix-up, Laura deserves to have what she was promised and has looked forward to for almost a month."

The Historica Foundation media officer said they also regret the mistake.

"Our funding only allows us to accept 15 delegates from each province," said Historica media relations officer Chantal Gagnon. "That's all we can take, so we're not in a position to accept another delegate. We do not directly choose the delegates. An unfortunate mistake was made by the school board."

Historica has offered Pottier a spot in the provincial championships in Ottawa, or a spot at next year's nationals. If she accepts the spot in next year's nationals, she will be able to compete using the same Logging in Haliburton project. However, neither the school board nor Historica know where nationals will be held next year.

"Nationals might be in Ottawa next year," Pottier said. "We drive further for class trips. I was mostly excited to fly on a plane, and that won't be happening if I only go to Ottawa."

Pottier's mother Sandra agreed with her daughter, and thinks Historica should make an exception to the rules this time.

"We were devastated when we found out that Laura wouldn't be going to Alberta," said Sandra. "She was so excited to go. She'd researched the event, and even had maps of Alberta hanging on the fridge. Everybody makes mistakes, but Historica won't budge. They say that they've never made an exception before, and that Laura is only one student."

"You hear so much about all of the bad things that kids do. When kids do well they should be recognized. Historica should be able to make exceptions and give some leeway." ■

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Singin' the Blues

Downchild Blues Band and Ragged Company
Rock the Delta Pinestone

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

The energy could be felt circulating throughout the Highland Grand Ballroom at the Delta Pinestone last Sunday night, as the legendary Canadian Downchild Blues Band rocked the night away. With 150 tickets selling out a week prior to the show, there was standing room only available for this concert presented by Kashaga Moon Productions of Haliburton.

Before the main act took centre stage, Haliburton local blues band Ragged Company got the audience into the swing of things. They performed many well-known songs familiar to their genre such as: "Ain't No Sunshine", "Hit the Road Jack" and "Give Me One Reason". The crowd showed their approval of the local group by rising to their feet and handing out a round of applause after their set.

Following a brief intermission, the 2005 Juno Nominees were set to blow everyone's minds with their hip and catchy feel-good music as the guitars, harmonica, keyboard, drums and voices blended harmoniously together. Most in attendance could be seen bopping their heads, tapping their feet and letting loose because of Downchild's energetic beats and rhythms, and those who wanted to get their groove on took to the dance floor.

Downchild has left a profound mark in the blues music scene throughout their almost 40-year existence. In fact, it was the band

that inspired actor John Akroyd and John Belushi to form their Blues Brothers musical act.

Downchild has managed to capture 26 awards from media and blues authorities including: Q107FM, the Toronto Blues Society, Jazz Report, the CBC and the Canadian Association of Recording Arts and Sciences. They have played approximately 7,500 gigs since their inception nearly 40 years ago. The current members of the group include: singer Chuck Jackson, keyboard player Michael Fonfara, sax player Pat Carey, bassist Gary Kendall, drummer Mike Fitz Patrick and Donnie Walsh on guitar and harmonica.

Walsh, the creator of the group, sat down with The Voice to shed some light on what the incredible journey has been like.

"I just wanted to play blues. There wasn't much blues at all in Toronto when I started and that was in 1969," said Walsh. "So I just decided to start my own band so I could hear our music when I wanted."

Known as "Mr. Downchild", Walsh named his band from a song by a blues singer, songwriter and harmonica player Sonny Boy Williamson; his other early heroes included Elmore James and Muddy

Waters. Many musicians give Walsh high marks on his skills with the guitar and harp, with special praise for his slide guitar work.

Walsh says that music was the one passion he wanted to pursue as a career, and says he feels privileged to be a part of the music that has developed such a large following.

"It's pretty cool. It's nice to see that there's lots of blues bands now. That's exciting," he said.



Walsh says that it feels great to have been a part of something so significant.

"Being an influence on the blues scene is pretty exciting stuff. It's neat seeing Canada's blues scene where she is now."

He spoke about how he ended up meeting Dan Akroyd and what it was like to work with him.

"He sat in with us a few times. He used to come down and see the band because he was in theatre in Toronto and I was playing at the bars in Toronto. He's a great guy, he's excellent. I don't know how he can do all the stuff he does," said Walsh.

Downchild hasn't played at the Delta Pinestone before, but Walsh says he's visited friends up in the area.

"I have friends here. I visit my friends who live here and go fishing a little bit." Walsh lives approximately an hour away from Haliburton in Burleigh Falls just north of Peterborough.

He says he's enjoyed his time in Haliburton, calling it a "beautiful place."

"It's great. We were wandering around the stores today, we had a nice barbeque last night, went fishing."

As for the future, the group is going to be celebrating their 40th year anniversary next year, which they'll have a few projects in the works for.

"We'll be working on that. There'll probably be a DVD and a big tour of Canada and a part of the U.S."

When looking back on their journey, Walsh says that being in the band has been fulfilling in many ways.

"It's been good period, musically and financially. I've been lucky. I've been able to write songs and perform them for all these years. It's pretty unique, fun and enjoyable to do it day and day out."

So does Downchild plan on coming back for a future show? Walsh says that the chances are pretty good.

"I think we'll do it again," he said.

Alex Bell, owner of Kashaga Moon Productions, says that he is going to continue to round-up talent for future shows at the Delta Pinestone Resort. He says that working with Downchild was a great experience.

"It was my first time working with Downchild. They're a great band to work with."

To learn more about the Downchild Blues Band visit their web site at www.downchild.com. ■

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Summer's Coming -- and Who Will Look After the Children?

Tyson Farrell
County Voice

As the summer quickly approaches, working parents in the Haliburton Highlands are faced with an annual dilemma – finding daytime supervision for their children. If a family is fortunate, one parent may be able to stay at home, or perhaps a grandparent or relative is able to watch over the young. However, many Highlanders are not so lucky, and they are forced to find an alternative method of supervision. Finding adequate supervision for children can be a very difficult and expensive process in the Highlands.

Haliburton is full of summer camps, which are great places for children to spend their days. At camp, a child can learn about nature, engage in sports, and have a fabulous time in a safe and stimulating environment. However, the majority of the camps within the Highlands are overnight camps. The average fee for a week at an overnight camp is \$600. While some parents may be able to pay for one week, or perhaps even two, there are very few working families that can afford to send their children to an overnight camp for the entire nine weeks of summer. A less expensive alternative is to enrol children in a day camp program.

At day camp, children are dropped off in the morning, and picked up in the evening once parents have finished work. On average, Highland day camps cost about \$30 per day. At roughly \$150 per work week, it is far cheaper than the overnight camp option. However, most local camps do not offer day camps for the entire summer. The Kinark Outdoors Centre, for example, only offers day camp for two weeks. This is typical of Haliburton camps. Other camps, like Medeba in West Guilford, offer a day camp program for the duration of the summer. However, age restrictions limit full-time enrolment. "The first week is for children ages 6 to 15. Then the next two weeks are for ages 8 to 12. The four weeks after that are for ages 10 to 15," said Gloria Dunning of Camp Medeba. Such age restrictions, which are commonplace in Haliburton camps, often prevent parents from enrolling their children for more than a two-week period.

There are some camps within the Highlands, such as YMCA Wanakita, which are large enough to accept children of all ages each week. Due to its size, Wanakita is also able to offer a busing service for children. A bus travels from Haliburton, to Minden, and then to the camp, picking up children in the morning and dropping them off in the evening. This is a great convenience and time saver for parents.

Another good option for parents is the Monarch Bible Camp.

"We try to give parents a safe and stimulating place for their children during the day," says Camp President Teresa Ward. "A huge way we help is through our price. We charge only \$90 per week, which is considerably cheaper than other day camps. We typically take care of the children from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., but if parents need to work a little longer, we can accommodate them. We serve the children snacks and lunch, which is another big help for parents, since they don't have to prepare food in the morning." Being a bible camp, programs at Monarch do have a religious element.

For children who are interested in athletics, there are several sports day camp programs. Perhaps the most notable of these are the All Canadian Hockey School that runs out of the Haliburton arena, and Hockey Haven in Minden. These schools allow children to hone their hockey skills, while also participating in activities such as paintball, kayaking, and swimming. For the more artistically inclined child, Fleming College offers a wide range of full and half day art programs for children. These programs range from cooking lessons, to jewellery making,

for a portion, or the entire program fee, depending on the applicant's income."

Like many summer camps, Wee Care only accepts a small number of children per week. So the problem may be a lack of day care spaces, not a lack of day care options. The Ontario Early Years Centre (OEYC) in Minden is very aware of the shortcomings of childcare in the Highlands.

"Over the last few years, there has been an enormous increase in demand for child care facilities," says OEYC supervisor Gord Hoenow.

"There are not enough childcare centres in the County to accommodate all of the children. This is a major social problem in the Highlands and in all of Ontario. Quite often our facilities are full, and we cannot take more children. This is only part of the problem. Middle class parents have great difficulties paying for childcare. Upper class families can afford it, and lower class families may receive government subsidies. Many parents in the middle class can't pay for day care, but don't have enough money to qualify for subsidies. They're stuck in between."

"Within Haliburton County, there is a need for more funding from the municipal, provincial, and federal governments for childcare centres. New centres need to be built. There is not enough room in existing centres, and parents are continuously being forced to look elsewhere," Hoenow said.

"Studies have shown that parents spend more time researching the purchase of a used car than when they are looking for childcare. Due to a lack of options, parents are forced to accept whatever pops up right away. This is certainly the case in Haliburton County."

When parents are unable to find room in day camps or child care centres, they often turn to babysitters. Although many babysitters have proven to be a good solution for many parents, there can be problems. They are often unlicensed, and may lack in formal training, meaning they may not know CPR, or know what to do in a medical emergency and do not undergo background scans or criminal record checks, like formal childcare providers do. Furthermore, sitters often charge an hourly rate, and if parents are working for minimum wage, hourly rates may be cost prohibitive. ■



to skateboard crafting classes.

Day camps can be a good option for parents, but they can only accept a limited number of children. Monarch, for example, can

accommodate about 50 children per week. Other local camps can take more children, but it is still not enough to accommodate all the children that require supervision during the summer.

For parents who want to send their children to a more traditional camp atmosphere, there are camps that accept only boys, or only girls. Camp Diamond, for example, specializes in girls' camp programs. Alternatively, Minden's Camp Kilcoo caters predominately to boys.

"There's a lot of demand in the summertime from parents for a place to drop their kids off during the day," says Lindsay Christie of Kinark. "Most day camps get booked up so fast that you have to look into it in January, and book something by March. There aren't recreation centres in Haliburton that provide supervision for children. There is obviously a need. A lot of local citizens work their hardest during the summer. It's their busiest time of year. They don't have the time to watch over their children during the day."

In an attempt to accommodate the huge number of children requiring supervision, local childcare centres expand their daytime programs during the summer.

"We offer a program for school children in July and August," says Denise Wolm of Haliburton's Wee Care. "We're open from 7:45 a.m. to 6 p.m., and our program costs \$27 a day. Parents can apply for government subsidies, which can pay

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What's Happening at the Dominion Hotel

George Farrell

Staff Reporter

There have been all kinds of rumours surrounding the Dominion Hotel in Minden since owner Shawn Chamberlin closed the place last fall and put up a sign which read "Opening Soon, New Concept Facility."

The rumours have had the Dominion turning into everything from a half-way house for Corrections Canada, to a spa. "People sometimes read what they want to read," Chamberlin says. "I've heard everything from a new concert facility, an open concept facility, and an open contraception facility," he says. "There was even concern over rumours that people would be running around the place nude."

Some Minden residents felt that if the Dominion was gutted it would lose its 'charm'. Chamberlin gives a little of the history of the hotel to assuage those concerns. "The original hotel was built very cheaply," he says, "and added-to many times. It's of historical importance, but not architecturally. It was one of five hotels built by an entrepreneur in 1865,

which were all a day's stagecoach-ride apart. This is the only one of them remaining, and according to the people at the Minden Museum it's the oldest building in downtown Minden.



Gull restaurant next door, which is also owned by Chamberlin. Prices for the suites have not yet been set but "we're going to market ourselves as a destination which will appeal to the recreational-style visitor. Through my corporate contacts in Southern Ontario we'll be offering packages which will include room and fare, and will be geared to specific corporate customer needs. There will also be some programming, but I'm not ready to let that cat out of the bag yet. But some of the packages will be corporate incentives," in appreciation of work well done.

While the hotel section of the Dominion will definitely be upscale, the ground floor will be a combination of family dining space, formal dining area and bar.

"We want to have a product that's a casual meeting place for families and individuals," Chamberlin continued. "Chains like Kelsey's and Montana's have done a good job branding their products and customers now have certain expectations. We feel we have to be in the same league. Our customers deserve the same considerations."

"What we're doing is repositioning the business into a modern road house. The road house concept dates back to old England, and it was a meeting place that offered good food, fairly priced, with a friendly atmosphere. Our road house though will be one that's up-to-date, with all the modern technology."

The Dominion Hotel will be divided into four areas. The upstairs will eventually have seven completely renovated suites. Currently, four suites will be available, each with its own bathroom. "the world's most comfortable beds," a flat screen TV, and wireless Internet connection. "The accommodations will have more of an upscale B&B feel," Chamberlin says. Each suite has been designed individually by Julie Garden, who designed the Grill on the

The family dining section will be located at the front of the building on the ground floor. The formal dining room is smaller and more intimate, and will be off the main dining area. It will only be open for evening meals. It features wooden flooring which was discovered under 5 or 6 layers of old material.

"We're still finalizing the menu," Shawn says, "but it'll be a combination of pub favourites such as wings, burgers and six different meal salads, as well as some Italian dishes and entrees that harken back to the old hotel days, with a prix fixe feature, which means a total meal that will include a salad, main course and desert."

The bar is constructed of centuries old rough-cut wood which was found behind the walls. "We're shedding the tavern look and feel," Chamberlin says. "Our market has a more mature demographic. The bar will seat 17, and 14 more people will be able to sit around at tables in that same section. It'll be a great place to watch the game and have a pound of wings."

The kitchen of the Dominion Hotel has been renovated from top to bottom, and the whole ground floor, including the washrooms are totally wheel chair accessible. There will also be a separate family friendly washroom.

The ground floor of the new Dominion will also "incorporate a performance area where small musical combos can play, and where groups like the Dead Poets Society can perform."

Shawn Chamberlin is looking at "a soft opening in early June, and maybe a grand opening in September."

So Minden residents can rest assured that the venerable Dominion Hotel will, in a lot of ways, be restored to date what it was originally intended to be, a hotel, and a meeting and dining place for families and friends. ■

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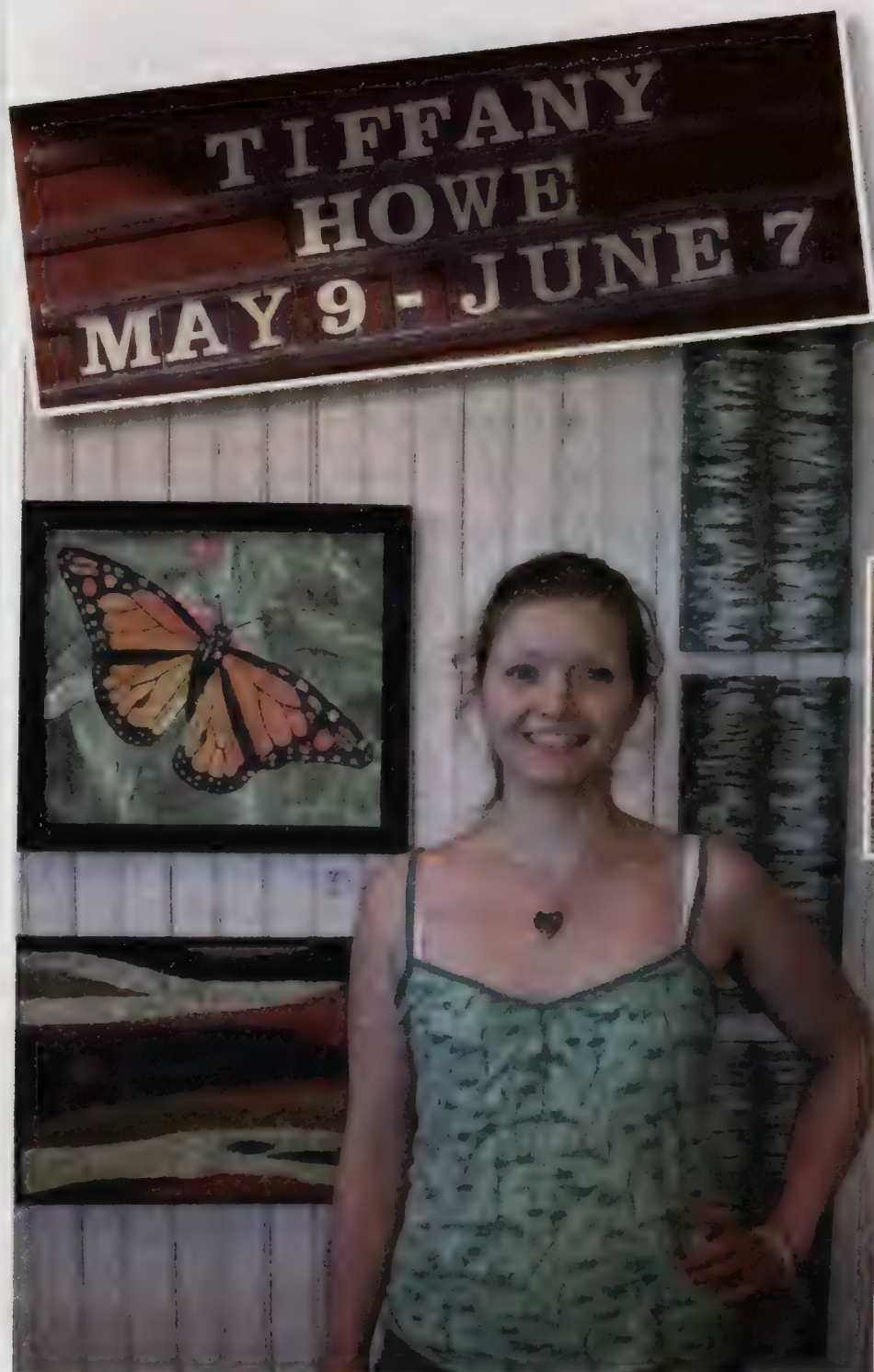


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Tiffany Howe Art Show Premiers at Rails End

The Rails End Gallery was a beehive of activity on Friday May 9, as local artist Tiffany Howe premiered her new exhibit. As a mix media artist and founder of the Newfangers Art Festival, Tiffany has earned a reputation as one of the Highlands' most talented and promising young artists. Her exhibit therefore generated a great deal of public interest, and dozens attended the premier.

The exhibit features 18 pieces of Tiffany's work, all of which are made from recycled materials. Tiffany primarily works with previously used canvases, which she receives from various art colleges. When creating her work, she covers the canvases with pieces of foil from cigarette boxes. This creates texture and depth, and gives the canvas a rough surface. Tiffany then paints over the textured surface, creating unusual and unique pieces of art.

Spectators at the premier were intrigued by Tiffany's use of cigarette foil and recycled

material, and asked her many questions. "Did you smoke all of the cigarettes to get the foil?" one audience member enquired. "No," Tiffany replied. "I didn't smoke the cigarettes. Friends of mine and people that I know kept their wrappers for me." When asked if her use of recycled material and tobacco products is meant to be a



social commentary, Tiffany replied, "I try to let people decide that for themselves. It can mean different things to different people. Though I am trying to show people that beautiful things can be made out of garbage."

The exhibit was well received by audience members, who enjoyed the daring art. "I think that Tiffany is very talented. I'm impressed with the work she has done organizing the Newfangers Art Festival, and her recent work at the gallery," said spectator Aaron King. "I like the way she uses recycled material and combines it with paint. It's very effective." Audience member Mark Johnston was equally impressed. "Over that last few years, Tiffany has really led the local youth art community. Through Newfangers, she's given young people opportunity to display their artistic side," he said. "I also appreciate the fact that Tiffany creates abstract art. It's nice to see some art in Haliburton that you can interpret, instead of the typical painting of a landscape or animal, which is so representational and realistic that it leaves no room for interpretation. Tiffany's art leaves room for thought."

As a young woman just 24 years old, Tiffany realizes how lucky she is to already have a solo exhibit. "Having this exhibit at the Rails End is a great honour and celebration of my work, which is something I feel very lucky to have at my age. It's a really good growing experience for me. I really love it." Tiffany's exhibit will be on display at the Rails End until June 7. ■



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SAM - A New Member of the Family

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter



It was just before Christmas. I was working at the local radio station when I heard that there was a lost dog in the neighborhood. But little did I imagine he was to become the newest member of our family.

One of the little bones of contention at the radio station was a policy that forbade us to announce lost and found dogs on air. There were so many of them and it took a lot of air time. A couple of us at the station decided to keep track of the calls ourselves. We put up little notices and promised distraught pet owners we would pass information on if anyone called with a tidbit that might help a dog to find its way home.

One day, we got a call about a young Golden Retriever found near Clear Lake in Bancroft. We dutifully took down the name and number of the caller. All we could hope for was that someone would call looking for him or that somehow he would find his way home like so many other lost pets before him. The thought of someone pining for a lost pet over what is supposed to be the festive season haunted me.

A couple of weeks later, there was his picture in the newspapers. I just knew it was him and he was up for adoption. No sooner had my partner spied the ad that we got on the phone to make inquiries. The PAWS animal shelter kept him for two whole weeks before putting him up for adoption. They couldn't believe that no one would come looking for him.

We were third on the list of hopefuls. And wouldn't you know it? The next day we got a call to go down and have a look at him. It didn't take us long to decide. He was absolutely beautiful, young, healthy and very friendly. And he was giving us that look that in my mind instantly translated to, "Please take me home with you."

Never did two people fill out forms and fork over a pound fee so quickly. Before you could say "Bob's your uncle" Jim and I had a new dog (Mac) in the back of the Jeep and we were headed for home and a new chapter in our life. I tried not to think about the family whose name was below ours on the list of people wanting to adopt him. They watched us drive away with so much disappointment on their faces that for a few seconds I was overcome with guilt. But I admit it didn't last for long.

You should have seen Sam's face when we came in the door. Sam is our Golden Lab. He was about two years old at the time and so full of energy he was usually about ready to burst. We'd been warned that it could take as long as three or even four years for a lab to really grow up and we were starting to accept the truth of the fact that we had a way to go before he matured. Now don't get me wrong, Sam is a truly a terrific dog. He's friendly and generous to a fault, bringing us offerings of socks, slippers, water bottles and dog dishes every 15 minutes. He's a handsome dog who loves us to pieces and he means a lot to me. It's just that he was so darn full of beans and always wanting to do something absolutely every minute of the day, I confess he was a bit hard for both of us to keep up with. That was part of our decision to get him a companion.

When he saw Mac, there was instant acceptance. Within hours you could see that Sam was absolutely ecstatic to have someone his own size to play with. I could have sworn once or twice the look on his face reflected joyful delirium. They got on so well right from the start and have been inseparable ever since.

But acceptance wasn't complete in the household. The oldest of our dogs, and I must admit the pack leader, is an

independent little cuss named Tommy. The story of the arrival of a Pomeranian in our home is one for another day, but suffice it to say the incident involved alcohol, two 'very' happy buddies, the Legion and a pretty girl with a basket full of puppies. A few hours later my husband came home with a silly grin on his face, saying, "Look what I got for you darling!" Darling my foot! When it came to Pomeranians, I always thought you should have blue-grey hair and rhinestone glasses. What the heck was I supposed to do with him?

We've always had dogs of substance; large dogs that you could romp and play with, take in the bush for long hikes and use as a pillow whenever necessary. Not that Tommy doesn't have substance! I've actually seen him chase a black bear right out of our yard when we lived further north. In fact, he's so independent that it's kind of like having a barking cat. But Tommy has a way about him and despite ear piercing yapping whenever anyone comes to the door, he's loyal and funny and a wonderful little dog that I wouldn't trade for the world. He just wasn't impressed with Mac.

Have you ever seen a little dog that doesn't weight more than 7 pounds chase a 90 pound retriever? If Mac hadn't looked so dejected about the experience we could have laughed until we cried. But that wasn't the only problem. In the first few weeks he spent with us, if he managed to get loose he'd bolt for the highway and run alongside vehicles. It was like he was looking for someone. I couldn't help wondering if whoever had lost him had really dumped him off on a country road somewhere and he'd run after them as long as he could.

Not only that, once in awhile we'd catch him looking out the front window with such a sad look like he was longing for someone he loved. Mac had obviously been pampered by someone because in a blink of an eye he'd jump on the bed or couch and put his head in your lap for a cuddle. But seeing him look so lost was starting to eat at me.

So, we started our quest to find out what we could about him. There must be some sort of trail to follow. After all, he was obviously a purebred animal with excellent breeding. We took him to the vets and had him checked for a chip insert. We checked him over for tattoos. We called all the Municipal offices in the area, vets and shelters and even followed up on one tip that didn't pan out.

Every day we had him we liked him more and more. Finally I couldn't stand it any more and decided to ignore the radio station's policy. Each time I finished my broadcast the next day, I told our listeners about Mac. I let them know where and when he'd been found and that he was obviously pining for his owners. It was hard for me to do, because he was starting to fit in so well (with everyone but the Tomster). We'd finally had a family gathering and decided on his name. As I spoke there was a part of me that prayed no one would answer.

And no one called. We started taking the dogs for long daily runs. A very generous guy that we know has acreage close to home where we can all bail out and the dogs can rip and tear and sniff and hunt for squirrels to their heart's content. Mac is a thing of beauty and grace to behold when he runs and watching the three of them interact always makes our day just-a bit better.

With had a fence building bee in our back yard and now the dogs have close to a half acre to romp. And we started to see signs of acceptance in Mac at last. We could tell he was starting to feel at home and I've never seen two dogs become such friends as Sam and Mac. I've even seen Mac and Tommy standing together or sharing a little adventure from time to time. And that meant he'd truly been accepted by all as a new member of the family.

The thing that still bothers me is how someone could have just let him go. How could anyone toss away such a beautiful, gentle, loving and now loyal animal? His breeding is obviously pure and he had been loved, of that I am sure. I guess it's their loss and our gain but it still makes me wonder.

When you think of people who have been charged with running a puppy mill, subjecting their animals to cruel conditions, it makes my blood boil. Tougher legislation with heavier penalties could not be more welcome for people convicted of cruelty to animals. And the people who support puppy mills by buying their pets there certainly don't help the problem.

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NOTICE OF LANDFILL CHANGES

HOURS OF OPERATION & DISPOSAL FEES

Please take notice that **EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2008**, the hours of operation and disposal (tipping) fees at all landfill sites within the Township of Algonquin Highlands will change. A schedule of the new disposal fees is available online at www.algonquinhighlands.ca/landfill, at the Township offices in Stanhope and Dorset, and at all landfill sites.

The new hours of operation will be as follows:

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	Summer	Winter
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Wednesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday	1 pm - 7 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Friday	8 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Saturday	8 am - 5 pm	10 am - 2 pm
*Holiday Monday	8 am - 5 pm	10 am - 2 pm

DORSET LANDFILL		
	Summer	Winter
Sunday	8 am - 5 pm	11 am - 4 pm
Monday*	8 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Tuesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday	1 pm - 7 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Friday	8 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Saturday	8 am - 5 pm	10 am - 2 pm
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HAWK LAKE LANDFILL		
	Summer	Winter
Sunday	8 am - 5 pm	10 am - 3 pm
Monday*	8 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Tuesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday	1 pm - 7 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Friday	8 am - 1 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Saturday	8 am - 5 pm	10 am - 2 pm
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OXTONGUE LANDFILL		
	Summer	Winter
Sunday	8 am - 5 pm	11 am - 4 pm
Monday*	8 am - 1 pm	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday	1 pm - 7 pm	9 am - 1 pm
Friday	8 am - 1 pm	CLOSED
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PINE SPRINGS LANDFILL		
	Summer	Winter
Sunday	8 am - 5 pm	10 am - 3 pm
Monday*	CLOSED	CLOSED
Tuesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Wednesday	CLOSED	CLOSED
Thursday	1 pm - 7 pm	9 am - 1 pm
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REMEMBER!
Clear plastic garbage bags are mandatory for the disposal of household garbage at all landfill sites within the Township of Algonquin Highlands.

SUMMER HOURS: May 1 — October 15
WINTER HOURS: October 16 — April 30

For more information, contact the Township office at 705-489-2379 or visit www.algonquinhighlands.ca

R.D. Lawrence Centre Receives \$3000 Check



From left to right
Back row: Sheryl Loucks, Sharon Lawrence, Louise Cooper
Front row: Margaret Valentine, Mary Dickson, Daniela Pagliaro, Pauline Johnson

On Friday 16, the Retired Teachers of Ontario presented the R.D. Lawrence Centre with a check for \$3000. The check was part of the Service to Others Grant, which is designed to promote education within communities.

"The R.D. Lawrence Place is a gathering space that encourages writing, discovery, and interactive learning. It's not a static memorial to a man. It constantly perpetuates Lawrence's message of environmentalism, and education. These are qualities that that we stand for and believe in," said local RTO officer Pauline Johnson. "We also think that the centre deserves the grant because Lawrence was a wonder mentor to young people, writers, artists, and naturalists. He was also a great teacher."

R.D. Lawrence Centre coordinator Sheryl Loucks said that the grant will be used to buy some much needed furniture for the centre. "The centre is coming along really well, but we don't really have anywhere to sit," she said. "So the grant will certainly be put to good use." ■

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: LINES

(e.g., These "lines" were replaced by automated dryers.
Answer: Clotheslines.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. It divides the Earth into Northern and Southern hemispheres.

Answer _____

2. Coplanar lines that do not intersect.

Answer _____

3. These lines are found on bowling alleys, basketball courts and baseball fields.

Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. A musical that includes the song "What I Did for Love."

Answer _____

5. A defensive line built by France prior to World War II.

Answer _____

6. This line runs roughly along the 180 degree longitude.

Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. A series of geoglyphs in Peru.

Answer _____

8. The Titanic was the pride of this shipping line.

Answer _____

9. Term for a straight line connecting two points on a curve.

Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Equator. 2. Parallel lines. 3. Foul lines. 4. "A Chorus Line." 5. Maginot Line. 6. International date line. 7. Nazca Lines. 8. The White Star Line. 9. Chord.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor;
15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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David Hickey Opens Exhibit at Ethel Currie Gallery Strength is Beauty Display an Homage to Nature

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

There is tempestuousness conjured by the abrasive force of grinder on metal.

It hearkens a storm of brash hues and it provides the erratic contours that course through David Hickey's artwork. Burnished strokes of die grinder on successive layers of paint form a backdrop to some very evocative renderings.

Birch boughs and fanciful depictions of trees struggle through the ground-in milieu of burnished hues. The actual meeting points in Hickey's paintings are left open on craggy, ironbound backgrounds. The die-ground colors provide a rugged stage for the focal object or objects. The subjects delve inextricably into the whole.

In toto, Hickey's paint on metal pieces are wholesome and pleasing to the eye. Their strength lies in the imperfect nature of the medium and the tool. A die grinder doth not a paintbrush make and stainless steel is no ordinary canvas. But Hickey brings them together as a seamless whole.

Hickey's paint on metal depictions hearken the natural beauty they portray. Nature is beautiful, strong and unpredictable. The burnished colors on stainless steel embellish a volatile and fickle environment. Like Mother Nature, there are deficiencies in the blend, and it is precisely that cacophony of imperfection which lends beauty to our environment, especially here on the rocky outcrop we call cottage country. Hickey's metal canvas might well be seen, then, as the perfect medium for an artist who is intrigued by his surroundings.



Hilary Elia, David Hickey and Jody Curry

"My paintings use a metal canvas as a starting point," says Hickey in an introduction to his one-man show at the Ethel Curry Gallery. The show, *Strength is Beauty* opened last Saturday May 17 and it runs until June 15.

"Working on a metal surface comes naturally to me and allows me to build up successive layers of opaque and transparent paints," says Hickey. "The work is then burnished using a metal die grinder. Successive layers of paint might need to be added to complete the work. I find that the metal surface provides me with a more flexible approach to the use of mixed media within the work of art. The burnishing process has both a sense of control and uncertainty and it's this combination that I find rewarding."

The final product leaves a rough layering of blended colors as foundation for his subjects. Hickey says that he finds metal surfaces form a best-fit scenario for his art today.

He was born in Peterborough, but has actually spent the better part of his career in the United States, working as an artist and art teacher for 18 years in Rhode Island.

From 1988 to 1999 he was the Director and an Art teacher at Envisions Gallery. He worked exclusively on a concept program to exhibit works by developmentally-delayed adult artists alongside community-based artists. "I taught people with disabilities for a number of years," says Hickey. It was rewarding work and also enabled him to concentrate on his own artistic endeavors.

His early work included a lot of clay sculpture, porcelain work and weaving. "I worked with a lot of different mediums," says Hickey. "Jewelry, clay, metal, weaving, stone and wood carvings."

Only recently has metal played a big part in his everyday work. Hickey also has some very intriguing metal sculptures on display at the Ethel Curry exhibit. He says that he became seriously involved in metal work about nine years ago. "I gradually started working with more metal, but it's only recently, in the past two years, that I started working with paints on metal." Hickey concedes that the painted form has always intrigued him.

The notion that he could incorporate painting with his metal work was an idea that "just clicked in."

Hickey says that his current work with paint on metal forms a new direction in his development as an artist, but adds that he still remains very involved in metal sculpture. He works from his studio and home in Lakefield, Ontario. He says that although his work in Rhode Island kept him busy and fulfilled for a number of years, there was always a yearning for home lodged somewhere in the back in his psyche.

"I enjoy the nature and the trees and I am really enjoying being back here," says Hickey, smiling.

The joy is evident in his painting and in his metal sculptures. A beautiful set of metal moose antlers sits above the door to his exhibit room in the Curry Gallery. In his metal work he will use both new and recycled metal. "Some of my pine tree branches are pieces of metal from old abandoned kitchen stoves or watering troughs for cattle." A plasma cutter cuts the used metal pieces. "The pieces are sanded and then burnished to leave some of the natural patina to enhance the overall appearance," says Hickey. He adds that his paintings utilize new pieces of stainless steel. He says that he likes to divide his shop time between metal sculpting and painting these days.

"I still do a lot of garden sculptures," says Hickey, who actually worked in designing decorative outdoor sculptures in the eighties. He adds that he is often asked to do commissioned pieces for customers who have idiosyncratic requests. Sometimes they will ask for larger versions of his paint on metal art and he says that he is happy to oblige. For his commissioned work he will go to great lengths to understand where the

piece is going and how best to incorporate the piece into the client's milieu.

"I like visualizing the artwork in the setting it's going to be in," says Hickey.

He says that only in the last several years has he been able to concentrate on art as a full time avocation. "I moved back home five years ago and only recently has my work taken off," smiles Hickey, who has artwork on display at the Meta 4 Gallery in Port Perry, The Canadian Canoe Museum in Peterborough, The Vintage Gallery in Lakefield and at the Cornerstone Gallery in Kingston.

He is also finding time now to give back through his work and his art. This show at the Ethel Curry Gallery is in support of "Cottage Dreams Cancer Recovery Initiative" a registered charity that offers recent cancer survivors the opportunity to spend a week at a private, donated cottage to reconnect and rejuvenate with family and friends after successfully completing treatment. He commissioned the painting "A Sense of Belonging" especially for the show and the painting will be the subject of a raffle (Tickets \$10 or 3 for \$20), which will take place on July 5th. It will be on display at the gallery until then.

Hickey is meanwhile very happily ensconced in his work and here in cottage country.

"I've always wanted to come back home," says Hickey. He adds that the setting lends an inspiration which he never found during his years spent in the States.

"Things are available to me here, that I didn't have in Rhode Island," says Hickey.

And it's those things that were lost and are now found that you will find in David Hickey's art. The intangibles. A sense of home... and belonging. *David Hickey's work will be available for viewing soon on the Ethel Curry website: theethelcurrygallery.com. He will be at: Kiwi Art in the Park, Perth on June 14-15; The Muskoka Art Show on July 12-13; Art in the Park in Haliburton on July 26-27; and at Kawartha Art Show in Fenelon Falls August 30.*

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Reflecting On Last Season and Looking Ahead

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) Holds Annual General Meeting

Damage to a trail belonging to the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association (HCSA) just west of Hwy. 35 was one topic of concern discussed at the organization's annual general meeting held at Tracey's

Bistro on Saturday, May 17.

HCSA President Doug Mahood said at the meeting that people off-roading in trucks on a trail west of Hwy. 35 were becoming a problem. "These trucks did some real serious damage and it's becoming an issue. Not just there, but on some other provincial property. I wouldn't be surprised if it gets stopped.

"That's an issue that the next executive is going to have to deal with because we are certainly going to want to reopen that trail," said Mahood.

In a later telephone interview, Mahood clarified his comments at the meeting, saying the government is allowing the use of large four-wheel trucks for off-road, recreational purposes on the snowmobile trail, which are causing the damage.

After bringing up this pressing issue, Mahood went on to comment on how incredibly well the past snowmobile season was.

"It was awesome. We set records like you wouldn't believe. We spent a little more money than we thought we would, but the comments that I got from everybody was that the Haliburton trails were fantastic," said Mahood.

Peter Zahn, Trails vice president then spoke about recent funding from the government that the club is looking to get a portion of.

"The Liberal government donated \$3 million to the Ontario Federation of Snowmobile Clubs (OFSC)," said Zahn. "I was putting a business plan together to get as much of that money as possible to help us with rerouting the trails."

Zahn thanked everyone for their efforts over the past season.

"I just can't thank everyone enough for the countless amount of work that went into the trails this season. Except for the one trail that we couldn't get open, the trails were the best that I've ever seen."

Margaret Zahn provided an overview of funds brought in from the club's advertising.

"We did pretty well. We had 43 ads sold this year and we made \$7,000 in profit. Hopefully we'll get some more advertisers this year that will help with any additional costs that we'll incur with changing the map," said Zahn.

The map by the HCSA outlines all the trails offered in the County.

In the treasurer's report, Marjorie Kennedy Mahood pointed out that the revenue for the club this season was only a couple of thousand dollars less than last year. Moneywise, the main difference this season was associated with operating costs.

"That certainly changed somewhat because we did a lot of grooming this year. There were some expenses there that certainly were unexpected," said Kennedy.

In the statement of operations for the HCSA, a total of \$56,807.77 more money was spent than

in the 2006/2007 season. In 2006/2007, operating costs totalled \$477,682.24 and in the 2007/2008 season, they were \$534,490.01.

Areas of increased operating costs in comparison to the previous season included: amortization expenses, facilities expenses and grooming expenses.

Signage on trails was another hot topic of discussion. Rick Armstrong, executive in charge of signage, information and bylaws provided his report. He spoke about an area near the Paudash trail system that had its signs vandalized.

"On a pleasure drive after doing the signing on February 1st, my wife and I noticed that all the slow and arrow signs were missing on that network," he said. "We set out to re-sign the trail again on February 3rd wasting another seven hours on a job that was already previously done. On February the 28th we drove the trail again and discovered that some of the signage was moved to unauthorized locations."

Armstrong said that this is creating a lot of havoc among the riding public.

"This is a monstrous game and it deals with safety. This summer, a massive effort has to be initiated to get the signs off the trees and onto steel posts. Peter and I have discussed that and there is a plan underway for it."

Mahood then spoke about revenue for this year and said that this season brought in \$9,000 more than 2006/2007 did.

"One thing I did notice was a lack of American visitors, probably because of the price of gas and the Canadian dollar going the way it did. I didn't see as many of the seven-day permit buyers, which we'd probably expect to get from our American friends."

Finally, Mahood concluded with an issue that is of major concern to him.

"We have to come up with a new method of recognizing our landowners because if it wasn't for them we wouldn't have a trail system.

We have so little crown land and we have to do everything we can to thank these land owners. I hope the new executive thinks long and hard about that because all it takes is one person in the middle of a trail to say I'm fed up," said Mahood. He says that ATV riders going on the snowmobile trails are a part of the problem.

"We've got to keep on top of that. If we have to continue to put gates up, then we've got to do it. We have to show appreciation for our landowners."

Finally, nominations were made for 10 new directors to head the HCSA. Those nominated include: Marjorie Kennedy Mahood, Russ Hemphill, Bob Bryant, Andy Chvedukas, Peter Zahn, Margaret Zahn, Peter Overington, Tom Nicholson, Chuck Sneath, Steve Searle. These new positions will be decided on at a meeting to be held on Thursday, June 5. To learn more about the HCSA, visit their web site at www.hcsa.on.ca. ■



Introducing Snappy the River King

... from pg 1

>> pages are blank and the horizons are as broad as the imagination.

Russell is the President and founder of the GMHL and Girard is a league Vice-President. Russell is an alumnus of the Sudbury Wolves and the WHA's Edmonton Oilers. Russell and Jeschke will be consulting vigorously about players, draft picks and strategy in the upcoming weeks and months.

The Greater Metro Junior "A" Hockey League (GMHL) will be holding their annual draft showcase for the 2008-2009 season from Friday, June 6 to Sunday, June 8, 2008. The draft will be held at the World Hockey Center in Shelburne, Ontario. On-ice activities will be at the Bob Fallis Arena in Bradford and the Innisfil Rec Center in Innisfil.

The GMHL is accepting 100 players to fill several spots for the 2008-2009 season. All GMHL teams, including the River Kings, will be present and looking to fill spots on their prospective clubs. The draft selections will begin on Sunday June 8 at 3 p.m.

The GMHL entered its inaugural season in 2006-07 with seven teams and last year the league grew to 13 teams. They added three teams (including the River Kings) this year and Ross says that the league office has been inundated with requests from existing and proposed teams - in the GTA and rural areas - that would like to become part of the new league.

Jeschke said that he will be at the league draft, but added that the June camp is only the first step in the selection process. At present it looks like the three new franchises will get the number 14 through 16 picks in the first round of the June draft. Jeschke says that the River Kings may be looking at some trades for veterans as part of that process. He adds that the Kings will be holding their own mid-summer super camp and it's there that the major player decisions will be made.

"Our own camp is happening on the first weekend in August and we're hoping for a really big turnout from local players," says Jeschke. The camp is slated for August 2-4. Jeschke says that any interested players should contact him via mindenjrnhockey@yahoo.ca. He says that he's expecting to draw as many as 70-plus players to the camp. He's hoping that a lot of local players will take advantage of this opportunity to showcase their talents.

"It's a great opportunity for some of our local kids to come out and see how they measure up." He added that all players attending the camp will get a sweater, some quality ice time and dinner on the Saturday. He says that given his druthers, he would love to see a core group of six to seven area players on the River Kings roster, but adds that with the talent pool of international and Canadian players available, that figure may prove a little optimistic. He insists, however, that the camp will give the area players a chance to display their skills against a group that will include some bona fide Canadian, international and US talent.

Jeschke, a 31-year-old Minden resident, and a former Jr. "A" player, has a full-time job as the assistant manager at Minden Arena. He says that he will be continuing with his duties at the arena,

and that his boss and fellow employees have been very forthcoming in offering their assistance as he settles into his duties as inaugural coach of the new franchise.

"Everyone, from Minden Council, to my boss here at the arena, to my fellow employees have been very supportive," says Jeschke.

He has already hired another Minden resident, Brooks Robinson as his assistant, and both are busy preparing for the selection camp, which is, after all, only two-and-a-half weeks away. Begging the question, as Detroit and Pittsburgh ready for their final kick at the kitten, "is there an off-season for hockey in Canada?"

Well, not for Mike Jeschke, apparently, who is approaching the season with a guarded optimism. He says that while he can't get into details quite yet, the River King management has been in contact with some established veterans. Jeschke says that he would like to begin with a nice blend of young and older players, but he insists that one of the keys to success will center on obtaining one or two key players who bring GMHL game savvy and experience to the table. They will have to negotiate those trades with draft picks or future considerations, but Jeschke says he's confident that the Kings should be able to add some solid GMHL veterans to the mix.

Meanwhile, Jeschke says that he's also had his hands full organizing the myriad promotional events that go hand-in-hand with his team management duties.

"The team will have a table set up at the Minden Timberfest (June 14) and at the Minden Canada Day Celebration to sell team merchandise and season tickets, and also to offer any information that people may have regarding the team," says Jeschke. He says that they hope to have a website up within the next two weeks and added that anyone with an interest in becoming involved as a trainer, equipment manager or statistician should contact him at mindenjrnhockey@yahoo.ca.

"We're also looking for people to billet kids from out of town," adds Jeschke. "People will be paid \$100 per player, per week. And we're also looking for a paid salesperson to take care of advertising and ticket sales. That will be a commission-based sales position."

Jeschke says that the team has revisited an original idea to play their Sunday home games at 4 p.m.

"That's been changed," says Jeschke. "We originally thought about 4 p.m., but we've since looked at it and decided that we'll play at 6 p.m. instead." Season ticket prices are still \$135 and that includes all exhibition and playoff games.

Jeschke said that their tentative single game pricing is \$5 for children and students and \$7 per adult.

He said that the Town of Minden has really come together in support of this venture.

"Minden is a huge part of this and they've been an unbelievable partner," says Jeschke.

The GMHL 2008-09 season slides into action in September. ■



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For some students, reading doesn't come easy. That's why the Volunteer Reading Tutor Program at Stuart Baker Elementary School has become a great way of helping out students who need it.

On Thursday, May 15 and Friday, May 16, tutors and their students got together to celebrate the volunteer program in grand style.

"You are giving the gift of your time, commitment and patience," said Janice Benoit, resident teacher and coordinator of the French program.

In the tutor program, Grades 2 and 3 French immersion and English language students are paired with Grades 5 to 8 students from J. D. Hodgson Elementary School. Financed by the Program Enhancement Fund through the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB), the initiative is designed to improve and support oral reading and comprehension. Volunteer tutors are trained by a literacy coach and a Special Education Resource Teacher (SERT).

The volunteers committed to tutoring students twice a week for a period of half an hour from October to May. Since the start of the program, students have moved up several instructional levels to get to where they are today.

Benoit says that for the French Immersion students, there is a need to obtain tutors due to the lack of French speaking people in the County. Anyone wishing to volunteer with this program can contact the school at 705-457-1342. ■

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter



Taylor Dobie and Emily Parish

New to Harcourt

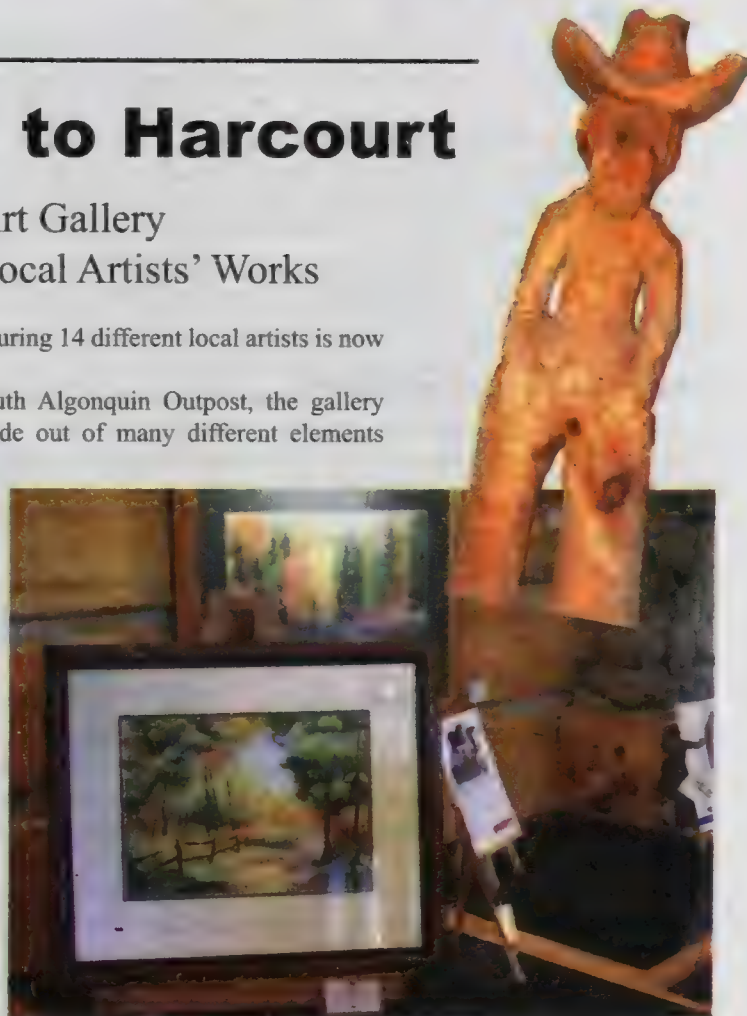
Art Gallery Features Local Artists' Works

A new art gallery featuring 14 different local artists is now open in Harcourt.

Located in the South Algonquin Outpost, the gallery has various works made out of many different elements including: watercolour, acrylic paint, glass and jewellery.

"I contacted some of the artists from the Haliburton Arts Council and got others by word of mouth," said John Bower, owner of the building. "I'm really proud of the artists that we have."

Currently, the gallery is open Saturday's and Sunday's from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. By the end of June it will be open every day. ■



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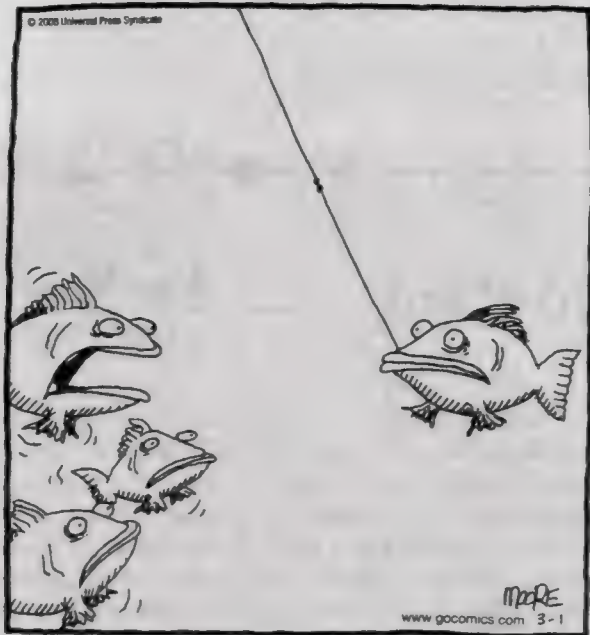
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"The hook squad is on its way, Leonard! Don't move! Do not even breathe! If you so much as nibble, you're a goner!"

Bancroft Uranium Announces Progress with First Nations But Refuses to Name Names

Bancroft Uranium announced last week that they have been holding ongoing discussions with "local First Nations representatives regarding its Monmouth Uranium Project" near Gooderham.

According to a press release issued by the company's public relations firm, Greenspirit Strategies, the discussions are "designed to provide an opportunity to discuss issues of importance to local First Nations people" with respect to Bancroft Uranium's project. The company says their work is being conducted within Treaty Territory and areas of cultural relevance.

The relationship between the company and First Nations is being encouraged in efforts to recognize the importance of traditional rights. The company says they want to establish a mutually respectful relationship before any advanced exploration takes place in the area.

The press release goes on to say that prior to the commencement of the drilling program this spring "a leading member of the First Nations community reviewed the property from an archaeological perspective."

They also say that a close working relationship has been developed and the company looks forward to an ongoing, respectful and beneficial partnership with local First Nations people.

The company apparently has a vision of maintaining this relationship with local First Nations, particularly with respect to archaeological and environmental impacts.

According to the press release, Bancroft Uranium plans to provide economic benefits to First Nations people through training and employment opportunities and other unspecified long term benefits. The company also says they foresee a First Nations representative being appointed to their Board of Directors in the near future.

The Voice contacted Greenspirit and asked the following questions: who are the First Nations people referred to in the press release? Where specifically are the Treaty Lands that encompass the Monmouth project, and when and where did these consultations take place?

Greenspirit responded by saying, "The information you requested is confidential at this point."

The County Voice will continue to investigate this important new piece of the Bancroft Uranium puzzle.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Bat Death Mystery

Wildlife and conservation officials throughout the United States have been advised to be on the alert for a mysterious ailment that has killed thousands of bats over the past four months in caves and mines across the Northeast. The U.S. Geological Survey's (USGS) National Wildlife Health Center in Wisconsin has examined nearly 100 bat carcasses from the affected region. Researchers there say they have been unable to determine exactly why the bats died of "white-nose syndrome" — a term used because of an overgrowth of a fungus normally present in the flying mammals but found covering large areas of the dead bats, including around their noses. The excessive fungus is believed to be merely a sign of overall poor health rather than a primary cause of the deaths. The USGS biologists say they have found that most of the dead bats were emaciated, with some exhibiting changes in their lungs that are difficult to explain.

Warming Crop Losses

Climate change is expected to lower Earth's potential for growing crops more than 15 percent by the 2080s, according to a new World Bank report. *The Little Green Data Book 2008* warns that developing countries will bear the brunt of the adverse effects of global warming with a nearly 20 percent drop in agricultural productivity, compared to a 6 percent drop to be suffered by industrialized nations. It adds that as agriculture delivers lower yields, food prices will rise even higher than the recent jump, while levels of malnutrition and related human diseases also increase. Impacts will be the most acute in Southeast Asia and Sub-Saharan Africa.

Rain Delay

Those hoping for a drop in skyrocketing food prices are likely to be disappointed due to extremely wet weather this spring across America's Corn Belt. Fields are so wet in the prime growing states of Illinois, Iowa, Indiana and Ohio that farmers are unable to get their equipment into the field to plant. Experts fear that it may soon be too late for many farmers to have a successful growing season. The U.S. Department of Agriculture reports that corn production this year could be down as much as 7 percent from the record-breaking levels last year. About one-third of the harvest will be directed toward ethanol production rather than food.

Eruptions

Chilean authorities told those evacuated from near the erupting Chaiten volcano that the mountain could suddenly release torrents of red-hot pyroclastic material that could vaporize their homes. Chaiten began erupting on May 2 for the first time in at least 9,000 years, spewing tons of toxic ash that have blanketed a broad swath of southern Chile and Argentina's Patagonia region. Officials fear that 2 million sheep in the Argentine province of Chubut are in danger of starvation because the ash has covered and killed the vegetation the animals depend upon for food.

• Sicily's Mount Etna spewed lava for five consecutive days as authorities kept a cautious eye on cracks in the volcano's cone.

Pacific Typhoon

Category-4 Typhoon Rammasun churned the western Pacific before losing force over the cooler waters east of Japan. The storm was a threat only to shipping lanes.

Earthquakes

More than 50,000 people are dead, missing or buried beneath the rubble of buildings devastated by a 7.9 magnitude quake in China's Sichuan province. Seismologists say the two minutes of horrific shaking that razed entire towns were caused by two shifts of the Longmenshan Fault, which stretches across the province. A 60-mile section initially ruptured by about 23 feet. Then a longer section to the northeast sheared 13 feet. The resulting shaking was felt as far away as Tokyo, Bangkok and south-central Russia.

• Earth movements were also felt in Taiwan and Guam.

Individual Adaptation

A study by British researchers has found that individual birds can quickly adjust to climate change without having to wait on the slower process of evolution to change the species' behavior. Ecologists who have tracked the population of great tits in Wytham Woods, near Oxford, since 1961 have discovered that the birds are laying their eggs about two weeks earlier in recent decades. "It's only in the past 30 to 35 years that you see this increase in temperature in early spring to which the birds have responded," says study leader Ben Sheldon of the University of Oxford. He points out that the earlier breeding time coincides with a shift in the emergence of the birds' favored food — the caterpillars of the winter moth. One sign that individual adaptation is behind the shift, rather than evolution, is that the birds seem to respond to a warmer spring by laying their eggs earlier in the same year.

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Popular Outdoor Series Not Happening Patria Cancelled

Patria, the ambitious theatre/opera project that's been presented at the Haliburton Forest for the past several years, has been cancelled for at least the next two years.

Forest Owner Peter Schleifenbaum, in response to a cottager's question at last Saturday's Kennisis Lake Cottager's Association meeting, said that there had been issues on both sides that led Patria and the Forest to call it quits. Patria is the creation of Canadian composer Murray Schafer and involved extremely ambitious productions of his works in the outdoors, in the Forest's natural settings. Each summer it involved many Haliburton musicians, theatre personnel, and volunteers.

Schleifenbaum said he wants to "keep the momentum" through "The Forest Festival", which will open August 22nd on Bone Lake with a performance entitled, intriguingly, "Primadonna Goes Into The Woods" with Canadian soprano Mary Lou Fallis, accompanied by Peter Teifenbach. The series continues with at least five other concerts over a two-week period.

Further information can be found on www.theforestfestival.com. ■

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Haliburton High Places Second in Track and Field Meet

Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Paul and Walker Each Capture Dual Golds

Track and Field suffers from a mistaken notion – perpetuated by the vanity of today's high priced high kickers - that its participants are involved in an individual struggle parlayed on panoply where personal success is viewed as the ultimate achievement.

Track and Field today is imbued with a notion that *track* and *team* are counter-intuitive concepts.

Well, maybe that's true in the upper echelons of track and field, where cheating, performance enhancers and routine disregard for principle have served to keep young ego-driven superstars in Escalades, condos and bling.

But thankfully, it ain't true in high schools, in local track clubs and at high school track meets, where young athletes move in lockstep with their friends and classmates toward a common goal. The aspiration? Higher, faster and stronger. The concept is not new, and it for sure ain't complicated.

The Kawartha District Track and Field Meet – held last Thursday, May 22nd – is a case in point. This year's Kawartha Meet was played out on Peterborough's Holy Cross track complex and that's about as far as one can get from Balco, Marion Jones, Ben Johnson, Tim Montgomery and the legacy of abuse which now permeates international track and field.

So it's nice, and really just a little incredible that Haliburton Highlands Secondary School finished second overall at last week's Kawartha Meet, behind Peterborough's Triple A Crestwood Secondary School. Crestwood has about twice as many students as Double A Haliburton. Heart is not, however, measured by single, double or treble letters in Times New Roman font.

The Red Hawks won silver on the basis of a solid overall performance, which included a nice blend of top finishes in the throws, distance, hurdles and sprint events.

Walter Tose, Paul Morissette and Karen Gervais share coaching duties and they buttress this team with their own blend of teamwork and savvy.

Tose gave full marks to a bevy of individual achievers, but added that the Haliburton showing was also fueled by their results in the team relay events. The Red Hawks' fielded 13 relay teams at the Kawartha Meet and 11 of those teams will be moving on to the COSSA Meet this week.

Tose said that the addition of Gervais has fueled a revival in both relay and middle distance events. "One of our fortes is the relay events," said Tose, adding, "Karen came to us three years ago and her work in middle distance and especially the relay

events has really been a great addition to the program."

Morissette added that the Red Hawks also thrive in the hurdles, skilled events that require seasonal continuity, ongoing work and success built on experience. Building permanence with events like hurdles and now relays has given the Red Hawk track and field teams an important base of operations, which lends consistency to the overall program.

Tose said that of the 61 athletes Haliburton brought to the Kawartha meet last week, 50 advanced to the COSSA Meet in Belleville this week. (Any athlete finishing top eight at the Kawartha's qualified for COSSA – the COSSA Meet is on tap today in Belleville at the track complex and results will be available in next week's Voice.)

Tose added that Haliburton High cuts no one from the track



team. If a student is game enough, and willing to put in the weeks of grueling springtime practice, he or she makes the squad.

The amazing rate of qualification to COSSA is a testament to the efficacy of that regimen. "We try to find a spot for all of our athletes and sometimes it's not their first choice, but they all get to compete," said Tose.

He allowed that the Red Hawks will be sending a very strong and savvy squad to Belleville today.

Junior runner Drew Paul is one of the shining lights illuminating the Hawk horizon. Paul won gold in the 300 and 100 men's hurdles and picked up a bronze in the 200-meter dash last week.

Not to be outdone, another quick twitch specialist Christianna Walker walked away with gold in the senior 100 and 400-meter hurdles. Walker also picked up a silver medal in the women's discus with a throw of 27.82 meters.

In the midget division Ian Bottum won gold in the discus with a throw of 32.91. Bottum placed second in the 300-meter midget hurdles and added a fourth place finish in the 100-meter hurdles.

Cody Pringle won silver in the senior 100-meter dash and

placed third in the 200. It should be noted that the sprinters will all be brining their individual talents to the relay events and even some of the athletes who did not qualify individually will be moving to the COSSAs on the basis of their relay participation.

Also in women's action, Emily Turner formed an awesome presence in the middle distance events, placing first in the senior women's 1500 and winning silver in the women's 800 with a time of 2:29.

Keaton Gadway and Matt Rae placed one-two in the junior men's discus. Gadway nailed gold with a throw of 42.76 meters and Rae won silver with a 41.93-meter toss.

Jeff Fennell placed first in the senior men's pole vault and also qualified for COSSA in the high jump event with an eighth-place finish.

Maddie Ferracuti captured bronze in the 800 meter senior event and will also compete at COSSA in the 400-meter dash on the basis of a fourth place finish last week in Peterborough.

Tanisha Holmes had dual bronze finishes in both senior women's long jump and triple jump. She will also be competing in the relay events at COSSA.

Ashleigh Schollig placed second in the women's senior 400-meter hurdles and won bronze in the 100-meter hurdles. She also qualified for the COSSAs in the women's discus with a sixth place finish. Kirsten Schollig won silver in the midget 300-meter hurdles and qualified in the 80-meter hurdles and women's discus.

Mhari Treharne won bronze in the senior women's 3000-meters with a time of 13:07.4 and she will also compete at COSSA in the women's 1500-meters.

Brock Brown won silver in the men's senior discus with a throw of 33.88 meters and will also compete in the men's senior shot put at the COSSA event.

Rachel Burk won bronze in the senior women's discus and also qualified in the women's shot.

Marcie Dick won gold in the 300-meter women's midget hurdles and placed fourth in the 200-meter dash. Dwayne Hartshorn placed third in the midget 100-meter hurdles and also qualified in both the 300-meter hurdles and the high jump.

Brandi Jessop placed third in the senior women's 100 hurdles and also qualified in the women's 200-meter dash.

Other qualifiers for the COSSA track and field meet in Belleville included: Kaitlin Allore (3000 meters, discus); Meghan Bottum (100 hurdles); Connor Cowan (300 hurdles and 400 dash); Katelin Cowan (Javelin and 400-meters); Connor Duhaime (800 meters and Triple Jump); Ashton Haley (400 dash and 200-meters); Kelci Haley (Triple Jump); Karl Kadwell (100-meters); Francois Magnant (Javelin); Alex McMaster (400-meters); Mackenzie Neumann (high jump); Zac Pasley (200-meters and 400-meters); Madison Rallis (Men's Pole Vault); Paige Roberts (3000 and 1500 meters); Isaac Smith (1500 meters); Brandon Van Nood (Javelin); Tiffany VanLieshout (80-meter hurdles, 300 hurdles and women's discus); Jesse Walker (Javelin) Sasha White (Triple Jump); Brandon Yake (Pole Vault and Javelin); and Zane Zondervan (men's Discus). ■



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Red Hawk Juniors Drop Match to Strong Wildcat Squad

George Scores a Treble to Lead IE Weldon to Soccer Victory

Speed, footwork and midfield savvy coupled with the prepossessing right foot of one Emily George proved too much for Haliburton High's junior girls' soccer squad last Friday.

George is a quick, nimble-cleated striker and she scored three goals to lead IE Weldon Wildcats to a 6-nil victory over the winless Red Hawks.

The Wildcats pushed their season record to 4-2-1 on the season. Dakota Brasier, Carley Williams and Amy Hein all tallied single strikes to round out the Wildcat scoring.

Red Hawks' coach Greg Cameron said that the Hawks have been struggling all year. A spate of injuries stretching from the start of the season recently compelled Cameron to make some

adjustments. Three girls were lost to the squad early in the schedule and Cameron said that he put a call out for new players to round out the depleted Hawks' roster.

"We added three new girls to the team, and it's taking time for the girls to adjust," said Cameron after Friday's tilt.

The junior girls are now 0-7 on the season and have only one game remaining in their schedule.

Cameron also said that Haliburton is at a disadvantage when playing a school like IE Weldon. Weldon is a triple A school and thus have a larger population and catchment area to draw from. (Haliburton High is a double A school with a smaller student population) The injuries to three key players just compounds that numbers' game, said Cameron.

All the same, Cameron said he spotted some good things happening on the pitch.

"We're working a lot on our positioning and ball control, and I think we moved the ball up the field at times today," said Cameron.

Indeed, the Red Hawk juniors did show a more disciplined ball control game. In the second half the Haliburton squad pushed the ball up the pitch with alacrity. Several times they moved the ball with a nice blend of dribble, pass and cross. The strikers and midfielders were turning to the ball and moving forward aggressively with vigour and passion.

But time and again they were stymied as they moved toward the penalty area. The Wildcats play a head's up defensive style, their fullbacks very strong at holding line, and that strong and disciplined backfield game served to cut back on any Red Hawk attempts to move the ball via the long cross or breakout pass. The lack of finish is emblematic of a young squad and no doubt the finish will come as some of these young girls gain another year of experience next year.

Cameron did say that his girls took a lot of positives away from the match.

"Well, the girls are a little disappointed, but we're showing that we have a lot of potential out there," said Cameron. He said that he and senior coach Amy Klose do teach the same overall system and that the girls moving up to the senior squad next season will be moving into a pattern of play that will accommodate their game and practice work this season. The returning girls, said Cameron, will take the experience of this season into their 2009 campaign.

"We have a lot of good athletes out there and I think they've picked our system up well," said Cameron.

Unfortunately, Cameron said that he would not be coaching the Red Hawk girls next season. Like several other area teachers, Cameron fell prey to the numbers game. Declining enrolment in Haliburton means that Cameron will be moving to another school in the Trillium Lakelands Board next year.

Extra Time: The Junior Girls played their final game of the season at home yesterday... results were not available at press time. ■



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Cookies for Cancer

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

Despite the rain on Saturday morning, Lisa Raposo and Amanda Hill were cheerfully determined to sell home-made baked goods from under an umbrella. The funds will be channelled through their "Relay for Life" team to assist the ongoing fight against cancer. The bakers, and their team, will be participating in the Haliburton "Relay for Life" event on June 13th & 14th. ■



Unassisted Triple Play Kindles Memory



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Indians second baseman Asdrubal Cabrera turned only the 14th unassisted triple play in major league history on Monday, May 12 in the second game of a

doubleheader against the Toronto Blue Jays.

The play kindled some nostalgia.

I turned the unassisted triple once. It was a long time ago. But the memory is still as vibrant and unsullied today as it was when it happened back in the summer of 1973.

I have watched Angel turn that play about 75 times since May 12. My own brush with fame came on a sandy patch of green and brown on the western shores of Lake Winnipeg in a little hamlet called Pine Dock.

The Bloodvein Reserve is right across the lake from Pine Dock and I was working as a summer volunteer on the reserve for the month of July. Part of that work included running sports and craft programs for the kids and young adults.

Bloodvein is a fly-in reserve and back in the 70s you couldn't get there by car. Bloodvein also had a baseball team. I started practicing with the team on their old diamond near the reserve school two days into my stay. We'd practice from six to dusk on most nights. Baseball formed a buttress to the daily routine. Bloodvein had no cars, minimal interaction with the outside world and a population of about 700. Occasionally the Bloodvein baseball team would travel across Lake Winnipeg for exhibition games.

One weekend, they asked me to join the team for a planned exhibition against Pine Dock. The trip across Lake Winnipeg in a wooden boat powered by an old 45 horsepower Johnson was memorable. It was a windy day. I spent the crossing with a plastic bucket in my hand bailing water from the bow as the waves crashed into the wooden planking. With each shuddering slam into six foot breakers, water squirted through the cracks in the wooden prow. There were five of us in the boat. I took solace in the fact that all of the passengers were smiling as I continued to bail.

"You're doing well Iceland," laughed Dan, the boat's owner. "Let's hope that the bucket doesn't spring a leak... heh?" My Icelandic heritage, high cheekbones, blue eyes was evident to all upon my arrival. Everyone on the Bloodvein baseball team had a nickname and I was dubbed *Iceland* at my first practice. The moniker stuck for the duration of my stay on the reserve.

When we got to Pine Dock we tied to the municipal wharf and I watched as our taxi ride home bobbed like a

Author Recalls his Own Brush with History

drunken cork against the pilings, rising in tune with the six foot swells crashing along the ragged eastern shore.

The fans were already gathered at the Pine Dock diamond when we arrived. I was taking heat as a "designated ringer."

There was history between these two teams. Pine Dock had won the last 13 clashes.

I'm a natural shortstop but for some reason our first baseman didn't make the trip across and I got the call to fill in at first. We took a one run, 3-2 lead into the bottom of the ninth inning.

A single and a walk left runners on first and second with none gone. I watched as Pine Dock's player-coach flashed a sign to the runners. My pops taught me to play this game. And he also schooled me in the finer points of grasping and grabbing signs. I watched the flashed signal and swipe of the cap. I saw both runners tense up and I noticed the left-handed batter shift his feet toward the mound.

My father's words rumbled in my ears. "Hit and run. Everyone's going." And now the pitch and I break away from the bag into the dirt stirred by the departing runner. The crack of the bat is solid and the pulled shot is whistling for freedom between first and second. But, I'm there, 45 feet away from first base, on a whim and a nudge from my pops, on collision course with a frozen rocket emanating from the batter's box.

The rest is a blur. I stretch into the air and the ball finds my glove. My body hits the sandy base path and I do one roll and I'm up. Just in time to see both runners grinding to full stop and quick reverse. I tag the runner from first and jog over to touch second base. Triple play and game gone. The Pine Dock faithful shook their heads and then they shook our hands.

It doesn't take any special talent to nab an unassisted triple play. The reason it happens so infrequently is because, in baseball, the confluence of events necessary to make it possible arrives so seldom.

That was the summer of my graduation from high school.

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I returned home to Ottawa, and took a job at the head office of the CBC.

I wanted to tell my dad about the triple play, about how I read the signs and broke with the hit and run. But it was a tough period in our relationship. He was struggling with some demons that had plagued him throughout his life. I was grappling with his scuffle. Autumn turned to winter.

My father was fading.

He passed on Christmas Day in the ICU of the Ottawa General. He died from alcoholic cirrhosis and complications from a massive GI bleed.

I was there by his side for three hours before he finally passed at 4 AM on Christmas morning. The crash cart was called in at the end, but it was a question of going through the motions. His body had lost the will to move forward.

There were long stretches in those moments Christmas morning when I struggled to find words as he drifted in and out of consciousness. Somewhere in the mix I got a chance to tell my pops about his words in my head just before I ended a game on the outer fringe of nowhere.

I don't know if he heard the story. I do know that it made me feel better about an autumn spent wondering why this otherwise intelligent man seemed so intent on killing himself.

It's something I understand today. I still have the glove and the triple play ball.

Every once in a while I'll take them out of the closet. And when I do, I'm never thinking about that dance with destiny on a dusted diamond in Manitoba's Interlake.

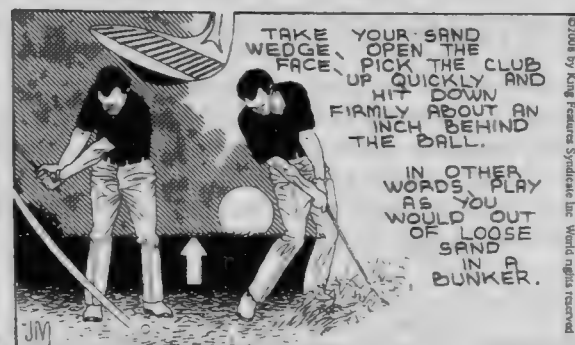
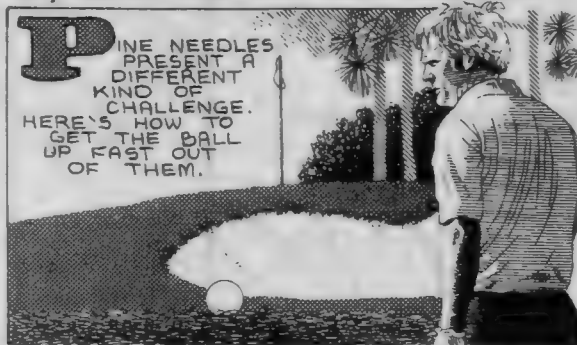
When I put the glove on today, and when I pop the scuffed hardball into the mitt that my pops helped me break in, I can smile past the pain. I think of Christmas and a voice hanging in the air. I think of springs spent catching with pops.

And I think of the demons that chase us all.

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Haliburton Senior Girls Drop Close Decision to Weldon

Soccer is a game of patience. Long stretches of midfield bumping punctuated by the quick cross or the long lead pass up the pitch.

Last Friday afternoon on the Haliburton High pitch, Red Hawk senior girls played tenaciously in the midfield forcing the visiting IE Weldon Wildcats into a scrambling offensive set. The Red Hawks carried the play in the opening 10 minutes of the contest with a resolute turn, face and pass set-up. However, Weldon managed to strike first on a quick hitting momentum-douser.

Wildcat striker Cheyenne Fraser turned to the ball and accelerated past coverage to notch a well-placed ball into the net.

Indeed, Fraser proved to be the difference-maker in the game, scoring two goals in a very close 4-1 Wildcat decision over a spirited and invigorated Red Hawk squad. The 1-0 early lead did nothing to ebb Haliburton's enthusiasm and they continued to press play and challenge ball at every turn throughout a very entertaining first half of play.

In the end, a few looping balls, a penalty kick and a momentum-ending late goal sealed the deal for the Wildcats.

Weldon went into half time leading 2-0. The second Wildcat tally came via a penalty kick after a hand ball call in the Red Hawk penalty area.

The Hawks came out rejuvenated in the second half, carrying play once again in the early going and mounting some strong offensive surges that fell just short of the finish.

A high drifting blooper fell into the back of the net

to stretch the Wildcat lead to 3-0 at the midway point of the second half.

That third goal seemed to spark a spirited Red Hawk resurgence. The Hawk forwards came up to challenge more vigorously and some crossing balls fell just shy of breakouts. The Hawks' lone



goal came as a result of a concerted drive and some dedicated and feisty offensive work by their phalanx of midfielders.

Red Hawk forward Kyla Bryant accepted a beautiful cross breaking in to the right side of the Wildcat goal and popped a nifty lofted drive over the Weldon keeper to score the Hawks' only marker of the game.

That brought the score to 3-1 and prompted an unbridled flurry of

offensive activity on behalf of the Red Hawk forward line. However, with fullbacks and forwards pushing forward, the Hawks were beaten by a counter-attacking striker who took a long clearing pass on the open left wing and placed a deft-footed drive into the back of the Red Hawk net.

Laura Plahuta and Carley Nisbett scored single goals in the contest for the Wildcats who stretch their season mark to 4 wins and three losses.

The Red Hawks are 1-5-1 for their season, although it must be noted that as a double A school they are at numerical disadvantage when faced off against triple A schools like Weldon and several other triple A schools in their division.

Coach Amy Klose said that the girls are a little disappointed with their record this season, but added that after a stellar season last year and the loss of some solid senior players to graduation, this year's rebuilding process is a natural outflow, especially in a smaller school where numbers aren't always available to ease the loss of key veteran players.

Klose added that the difference on Friday centered upon Weldon's ability to take advantage of a few miscues.

"They passed the ball well against us," said Klose. She added that she was very impressed with her own squad's ball movement, hard play and work ethic.

Extra Time: The Red Hawk senior girls ended their regular season away against LCVI yesterday, and they will host the Kawartha AA finals on May 27. ■

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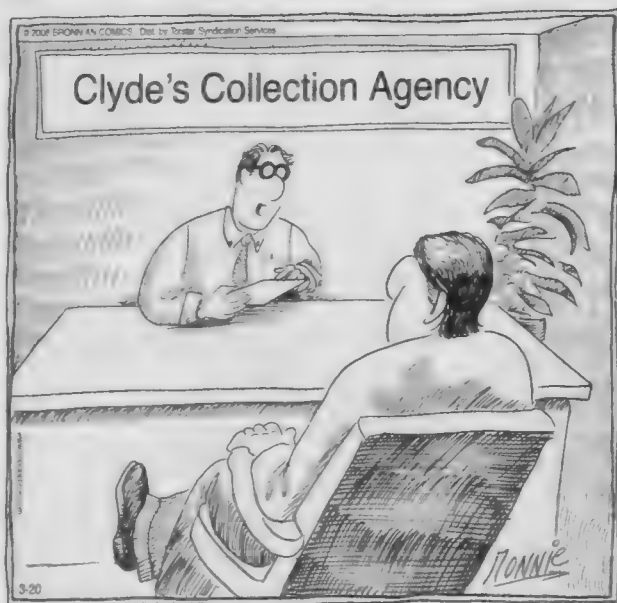
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Obsidian No More

'The Born Destroyers' Rock the Rockcliffe

Since our last report on the guys from Obsidian, they began recording new material and were also getting hyped up about going on the road to play a string of new shows.

Well, on Friday, May 9, at the famous Rockcliffe Tavern in Minden, the high intensity group unleashed their new sound and also announced their new band name "The Born Destroyers". Other opening acts included The Wolves of Anson and Mindsight.

The group, with a few local members (Ryan Chalmers, Kevin Brezina and Andrew Postlethwaite), infused their music with a blend of hard rock, punk and metal while they were under the Obsidian moniker.

We spoke with Turi Mercuri, lead singer of the group, about the name change right after their exhilarating, head-jarring performance.

"The new name just fits so much better. It's kind of like a mission statement in a way," said Mercuri of the group's new identity.

He added that it was time for a name change for a couple of reasons.

"There's a lot of different Obsidian's out there and we decided that the name Obsidian no longer fits the style of music that we're doing."

So where did the new name come from and what does it mean for the fans?

"We were first looking at the name Newborn Destroyers and then said 'Nah, there's another band called that. And then it was Andrew (guitarist) who said, 'Why don't we make it The Born Destroyers?' and we were like, 'Yeah man!'"

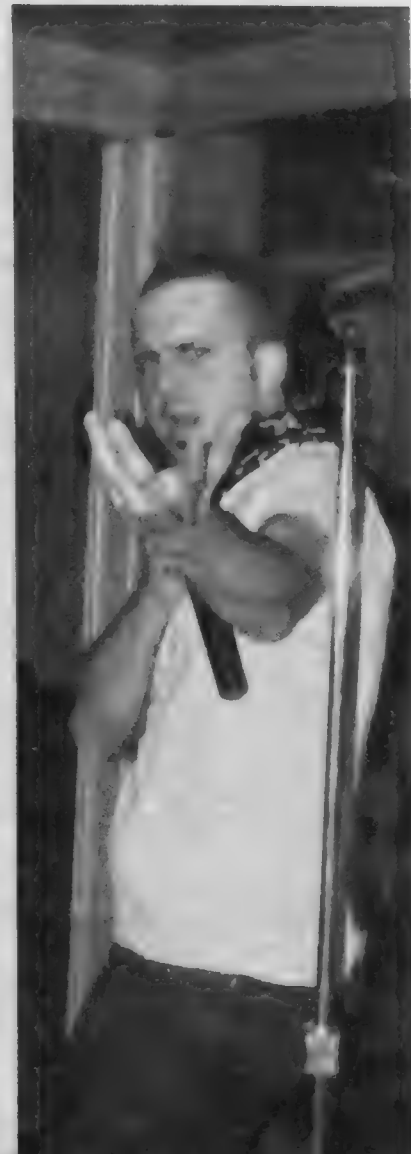
Turi says that only minor changes have been to alter the group's style of sound.

"I think we're just going with a lot more heavy rock and roll, if you will. We're trying to bring it back to the basics and are trying to examine what we're doing. We all really love just straight up rock and roll," he said.

Currently, the main objective of The Born Destroyers is to make the public aware of their new name through their online presence, and to release a new album in mid-July. Turi firmly believes that supporters of the group will remain loyal following the recent transformation.

"I think our fans will enjoy the new style of music. It's not a serious change. We're not going to turn into Dave Matthews or anything like that. I think it'll appeal to our fans - both old and new."

So if it's some of those "in-your-face", fist-pumping, solid rock rhythms listeners are looking for, then head on over to their website and see what The Born Destroyers have in store. You can find their band page at www.myspace.com/borndestroyers.



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The Township of Minden Hills offers a solid remuneration and benefits package (under review with our consultant). Interested applicants are invited to submit a letter of application (no emails please), outlining their qualifications and experience, as well as a detailed resume by no later than Thursday, June 5th, 2008 at 4:00 p.m. to the attention of:

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69 Part 3 of remark
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73 Semester
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75 Hellman's "The Little —"
76 Marsh sight
78 It should be square
79 Put an end to
83 Carnival site
84 Dentist's directive
86 "The — Kid" ('84 film)
87 Meyers of "Kate & Allie"
89 Part 4 of remark
94 Corn portion
95 Broadcast in July
97 Bates or Rickman

98 Cheerless
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104 — terrier
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107 Bloomsbury buggy
109 Bookstore section
112 Actress Cassidy
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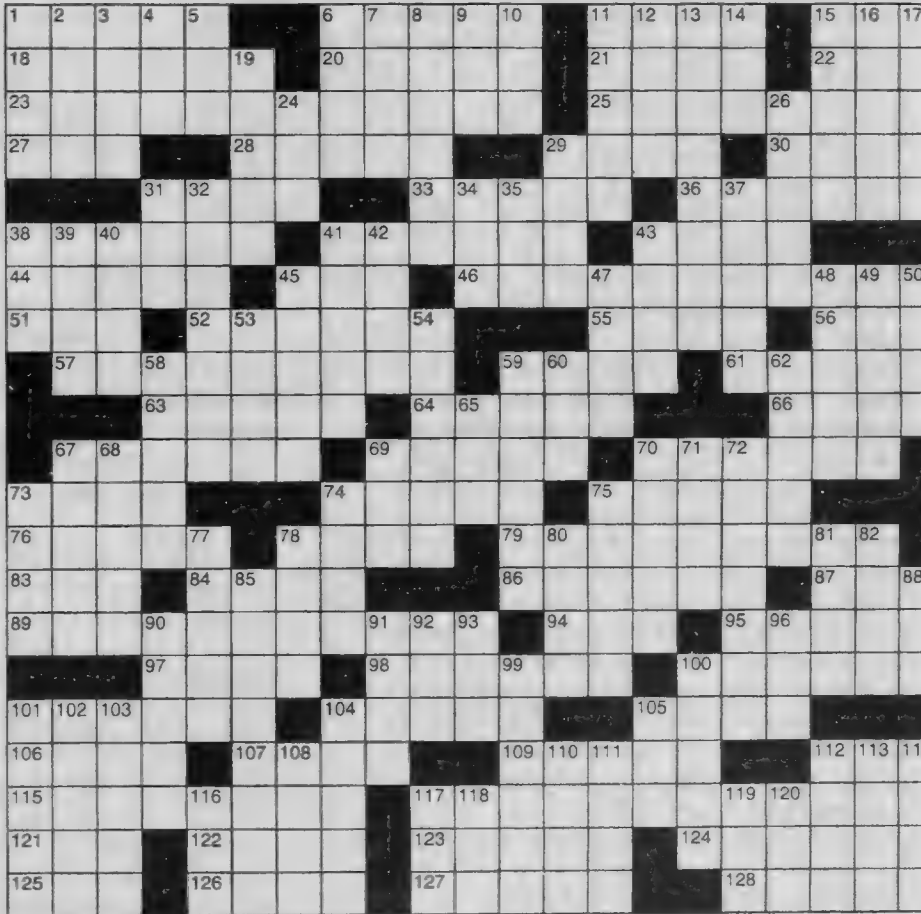
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3 Atkins or Huntley
4 Holyfield stats
5 "Definitely!"
6 He's abominable
7 Rara —

8 One-dimensional
9 Label
10 Whichever
11 Iridescent stones
12 Hamlet or Herman Munster
13 Where to spend leva
14 Smash letters
15 Flight segment
16 Consumed
17 Lock
19 Name of a Day
24 "My Gal —" (1905 tune)
26 Butcher-shop display
29 '75 Wimbledon winner
31 Age
32 Garlic hater
34 Bad start
35 Contented sigh
37 — d'Alene, ID
38 Spy org.
39 '52 Winter Olympics site
40 Spill the beans
41 Navigate
42 Bill of Rights grp.

43 — major
45 Like some leaves
47 Chew out
48 Sheltered spot
49 Happening
50 Russo of "Get Shorty"
53 Maintain
54 Beset
58 Delibes opera
59 "Rusalka" composer
60 Ely or Darling
62 Disconcert
65 "Stroker —" ('83 film)
67 Get cracking
68 It's kept in a quiver
69 Bikini part
70 Opposite
71 Way out
72 Merit
73 Hatcher of "Lois & Clark"
74 Crooked
75 Raid
77 Adz and awl
78 Chow —
80 Actor Parley
81 Viscount's better

82 Cart
85 Nursery items
88 Hotel
90 Desert refuges
91 Dutch town
92 — Lanka
93 — the fields we go...
96 Smoked delicacy
99 Response
100 Be
101 Sheep sheds
102 "M" man
103 Blue hue
104 Social group
105 Sternward
108 TV's "— People"
110 Barbecue fuel
111 The — 500
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113 From the top
114 Gets by (with "out")
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BORN THIS WEEK: You have an extraordinary ability to rally people to do their best. You would be a treasure as a teacher.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) Lots of possibilities begin to open up by mid-week. Some seem more appealing than others. But wait for more facts to emerge later on before you consider which to choose.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Bravo to the determined Bovine. While others might give up, you continue to search for answers. Expect your Taurean tenacity to begin paying off by week's end.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) You might want to consider stepping back from the task at hand for a while. This could help you get a better perspective on what you've done and what still needs to be done.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Your keen Cancerian insight should help you determine whether a new offer is solid or just more fluff 'n' stuff. The clues are all there waiting for you to find them.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Being ignored is difficult for any proud Leo or Leona. But pushing yourself back into the spotlight might be unwise. Instead, let things work themselves out at their own pace.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Trying to uncover a colleague's secret under the pretext of showing concern is ill-advised. Control your curiosity to avoid raising resentment in the workplace.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Expect to hear good news about a loved one. Also, be prepared for some changes in several family relationships that could develop from this lucky turn of events.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Some surprises are expected to accompany a number of changes that will continue through part of next week. At least one could involve a romantic situation.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) You might be upset by some of your critics. But most of your associates continue to have faith in your ability to get the job done, and done well.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) A workplace goal that suddenly seems out of reach is no problem for the sure-footed Goat, who moves steadily forward despite any obstacles placed in his or her way.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) Uncertainty about who is right and who isn't might keep you from making a clear-cut decision. Wait until you know more about what you're being asked to decide.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) Be careful to keep your emotions in check when dealing with a demanding personal situation. You need to set an example of strength for others to follow.



Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

BRIDE-TO-BE CONFESSES HER LACK OF KITCHEN CONFIDENCE

DEAR ABBY: My fiance, "Keith," and I are being married at the end of June. We met at a fraternity party last fall and knew right away we were meant for each other. We're both in college in Hawaii. We don't live together -- and that has been lucky for me because Keith doesn't realize how inexperienced I am in the kitchen.

He comes from the mainland. He is used to home-cooked meals and has often talked about family dinners and how good his mom is at entertaining. The only thing my mom is good at is making reservations. At our house if we didn't eat out, we ate takeout.

I know Keith will expect me to cook after our wedding -- at least sometimes. I have gone to the bookstore at the mall, but all the fancy cookbooks with elaborate recipes overwhelm me. All I want to do is learn to make a few simple dishes. Can you help me out here? -- COOKING IMPAIRED IN HONOLULU

DEAR COOKING IMPAIRED: I'll try. Where is it written that after your wedding, YOU must do all the cooking? These days many couples share that responsibility by taking turns or cooking together. If you raise the subject with your fiance, you may find that Keith not only enjoyed family dinners, but also spent time with his mother in the kitchen while she prepared them.

If that turns out not to be the case, then you and Keith should consider taking a basic cooking course together before -- or shortly after -- the wedding, so you don't starve to death.

Many brides-to-be are given "recipe showers" in which friends and relatives share favorite, easy-to-prepare family favorites to ease them on the path to domesticity. I'm sure if you asked your future mother-in-law, she would be pleased to contribute some of hers.

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DEAR ABBY: I was standing with a friend when another friend came over to us and said loudly, "You two are really short!" The friend I was standing with walked off offended, while I just stood there looking at the ignorant person and not knowing what to say. Let me explain, this isn't the first time the ignoramus has said this to me. What would you do in this situation? -- SPEECHLESS IN AUBURN, CALIF.

DEAR SPEECHLESS: Frankly, I'd probably say, "Life is short, and so is this conversation. Goodbye!" Then I'd rejoin the friend I had been standing with. I certainly wouldn't prolong the conversation.

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On May 24, 1883, after 14 years and 27 deaths during construction, the Brooklyn Bridge opens. The granite foundations of the bridge were built underwater in pressurized chambers. More than a hundred workers suffered from cases of compression sickness, also called the "bends."



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On May 26, 1897, the first copies of the classic vampire novel "Dracula," by Irish writer Bram Stoker, appear in London bookshops. Dracula is the story of a vampire who makes his way from Transylvania to England, and preys on innocents there to get the blood he needs to live.

On May 27, 1941, the German battleship Bismarck sinks in the North Atlantic near France. Three days earlier the British navy engaged the Bismarck in a ferocious battle. The Bismarck sank the battle cruiser Hood and escaped, but was leaking fuel and crippled when British warships finished her off.

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Features large eat-in kitchen, separate living room, dining room, plus den, laundry on main floor off kitchen with door to back deck plus a 2 pce powder room. Large master bdrm with ensuite, plus 3 other bdrms, 4pce bath. Attached heated double garage.
Ed Gibbons * 286-1234

Kushog Lakes - \$889,000



This spectacular 4 bdrm bungalow has it all. Grand front foyer leads to open concept living room/dining room/kitchen, with glass doors to huge entertainment deck. Lower level walk-out from family room. Also includes 1500 sq ft garage/workshop with new top quality guest quarters.
Vince Jarvis * 286-1234

Close to Town Home! - \$164,900



3 bdrm 1,412 sq. ft. home nestled in mature pines overlooking a scenic pond with creek. Home features main floor laundry and office area, dining room, sunroom and living room with stone fireplace with insert. Double detached garage.
Anthony vanLeshout ** 457-2414

Glamor Lake - \$369,000



Enjoy the big lake view from this 4 bedroom, cedar Panabode cottage on Glamor Lake. Easy year round access. Level lot with plenty of room for the kids to play while you relax on the deck. Child friendly entry with a sand bottom. Large open concept with a floor to ceiling stone fireplace.
Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234

Bob Lake - \$159,000



Private waterfront lot. Spectacular view. Driveway in with building site cleared and hydro service on pole. Lot has 140 feet of west facing frontage with over 7 acres to secure privacy. Stairs from upper deck down to deck at water's edge. Bob Lake is over 200' deep with great fishing
Tom Gardner * 286-1234

Peach Lake - \$469,900



Exceptional 3 bedroom and den cottage/home with 307 feet frontage on a pristine lake. Very private with western exposure. Bunkie and metal storage shed. Propane and wood fireplaces with main floor laundry. Natural lot with no grass to cut. Viceroy style with low E windows.
Barry Warren * 286-1234

Finished Log Home - \$199,900



Beautifully finished log home on 24 acres of land close to town. Totally finished, large open concept rooms, finished rec room, plus loads more! Double detached garage and lots of room to roam!
Cathy Bain * 457-2414

Cute As A Button - \$359,000



2 or 3 bedroom cottage on an absolutely gorgeous lot. Very private. Exposed bald rock with many crevices growing hostas and other perennial flowers. New deck and dock, deep water. Cottage has new windows, claw tub in bath. Children will love the tree house.
Gloria Carnochan or Cindy Muenzel * 754-1932

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Announcement

BIRTH NOTICE- David Anstey & Lisa Grozelle are pleased to announce the birth of their daughter, Amelia Jordan Anstey, born at Ross Memorial Hospital on Tuesday, May 6, 2008. Weighing in at 6 lbs. 6 oz. at 3:30 pm. Proud first time grandparents

Jerry & Candy
Grozelle of Lindsay,
Ontario and Don &
Betty VanDenHazel of
Gooderham, Ontario.
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In Memory

MEMORIAL- BRUNEAU, ROSEANNE. In loving memory of a dear mother, mother-in-law and grandmother who passed away May 13, 2005.

Though your smile is gone forever
And your hand we cannot touch
Still we have all the memories
That we cherish oh so much
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You are and always will be
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Personal assistant to clean house, run chores, some light office work, part time with possible full time, must have vehicle, year round, must be good cleaner. Located between Haliburton & Minden.
Call 455-9595

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Deadline for Classifieds is every Monday at noon

Pets & Agriculture

ARE YOU A GOLDEN RETRIEVER BELIEVER? Golden Rescue, The Canadian Golden Retriever Adoption Service Inc. URGENTLY needs foster homes, vet services, "forever" homes, donations, members, fundraisers/volunteers. Help us care for this magnificent breed. Anything you can do would be greatly appreciated. For information please contact us at 1-866-712-8444 or visit www.golden-rescue.net. P.S. Join us on Monday, June 23rd for our annual golf tournament. Not only are we looking for players, we need hole sponsors and donations to our raffle and silent auction. May 11/08

PET GROOMING Call 286-6538

K9 CLIPPERS & KENNELS 2153 HARBURN ROAD. Professional Grooming Service & friendly, loving home away from home 1-705-457-3614 NATASHA COUMBS. May 11/08

Events

PLANT SALE - Minden Horticultural Society's Annual sale, **Sat. May 24th** 10a.m. sharp at the Village Green, Main St., Minden. All plants grown by members. For information call Jessie at 286-4141 May 11/08

THE HALIBURTON HOSPITAL AUXILIARY FASHION SHOW Scheduled for June 1st. At the Haliburton Legion at 1:00pm. Has been rescheduled for September. Date to be announced. Tickets may be used for September or for refund Call 457-3030 Thank You for supporting the Auxiliary May 11/08

For Classifieds
Call
457-5001

Help Wanted

Curry Motors Limited is accepting applications for a Tow Truck Operator. This is a full-time position. Applicants should apply at our downtown location (corner of Highland St & Maple St) or apply in writing to P.O.Box 30, Haliburton, Ontario K0M 1S0. Please contact Mike Iles at 705-457-2100 for further information.

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Events

THE COMMUNITY CARE TRIP CLUB has two trips on the roster. On Wednesday May 28 we have a bus leaving for the Sony Centre to see Irish Singer Daniel O'Donnell and then on Wednesday June 11th we are off to see the Blue Jays play the Seattle Mariners. Our tickets are Field Level Infield, and we are directly behind home plate. Both trips include transportation, dinner and all taxes and gratuities. Call 457-2941 for more information. May 11/08

Careers

CAREERS. CAREER IN REAL ESTATE. Contact Kate Archer, Training Director at (705) 457-2220 or careers@bowesandcocks.com Bowes & Cocks Limited, Brokerage. Apr 11/08

Help Wanted

HELP WANTED Looking for handyman for carpentry, plumbing, electrical (general maintenance) and property maintenance. Fax resume to # 905-862-0892 or call 416-989-0047 May 11/08

HELP WANTED Abeck Accounting. Tax & Computer. Services are looking for a book keeper. Description being bookkeeping for various types of businesses, Balancing and reconcile records, government filings, personal tax prep an asset. Requirements needed would be booking experience. Knowledge of various accounting programs an asset. Wages to be determined. Resume to -Abeck Accounting Tax & Computer Services Inc. 7224 Hwy# 35 P.O. Box #34 Norland, Ont. K0M 2L0 Phone for Appt. 705-454-2418 email info@abeckacctg.com May 11/08

HELP WANTED Shipper/Receiver wanted full-time summer and part-time winter. Must be able to do heavy lifting. Apply in person with resume at Haliburton Home Hardware. Ask for Ray or Doug. May 11/08

Health & Wellness

AROMA THERAPUTIC MASSAGE A relaxing full body massage combining Swedish and Lomi techniques. In studio or home appointments available. For appointment please call 705 448 98085 May 11/08

For Rent

FOR RENT- 2 bedroom duplex in town. Designed for seniors. Available June 1. 457-2054 May 11/08

FOR RENT: FURNISHED APARTMENTS- 2 Single bedrooms in town furnished. New and quiet, bright with private entrance, living, kitchen, bath, laundry room. A/C, cable, high speed internet, all utilities included. Single \$850, Double \$1000. Suits 2 students or business professionals. By the week / month or season. NO SMOKERS. NO PETS- Call 705-457-1513 May 11/08

FOR RENT. House for rent, waterfront. Two bedroom furnished, well maintained. References required, must have employment. Close to Haliburton. Call 705-457-7475 May 11/08

FOR RENT. Commercial Space 152 Highland St. Corner of Highland & Cedar. Overlooks Head Lake. Suitable for office or retail: approximately 1500sq. ft. plus patio. Michael Easton Enterprises Ltd. 705-457-5143 or fax 457-9167 May 11/08

For Sale

FOR SALE- Schellenberg Buy & Sell @ 5691 Gelert Rd. 457-2560. 20 ton air jacks, 70 grade chain in 20' lengths with hooks, hard hats, and safety equipment, 36" to 48" vanities, now open gift shop with great deals. May 11/08

STONE FOR SALE Building stone and landscaping stone (patio and flagstone) for sale Call Garwood Stevenson 286-2478 May 11/08

FOR SALE 2006 Honda Silverwing Auto, 600cc, 4000 km. As new \$5600. Also a 2001 Yamaha Venture 1300 cc, 1100 ml C.B. intercom Headset. Ready for touring \$13000 - 754-2012 May 11/08

FOR SALE lumber cut by bandsaw, 2x6x16 softwood call 754-2464 May 11/08

FOR SALE Electric wheelchair. Top of the line, 2007 model, like new, estate sale. Almost \$10,000 new, asking \$2500 call 457-6887 May 11/08

For Sale

FOR SALE NEW COMPLETE SEPTIC SYSTEMS. 30 Years of experience in Minden and Haliburton area. We take care of all paperwork and permits. Fully licenced, health unit inspected. Call for a free estimate, **Brent Coltman Trucking and Escavating at 705-286-3952 or 1-800-357-8711** May 11/08

FOR SALE 2002 Aztec, black in A-1 condition, like new, under 115,000 k. Will accept best offer. Private sale, call 457-3552 (Sam) May 11/08 *

FOR SALE 1998 Chevy Venture van, fully loaded. In excellent condition. \$5500 certified. Call Chris 457-5334 May 11/08

FOR SALE 2.5 acres near ski hill & beach. Owner would consider exchange for older home in Haliburton area. Will do own repairs. The building site overlooks seasonal creek. Hydro, phone easily accessible. Call 754-4589 May 11/08

FOR SALE 1997 Chevy motor home with 350cu in Vortex engine. Sleeps 6 has dual air conditioning, furnace, 3 way fridge, 4 piece bath, new tires and brakes. This unit is loaded. Asking \$19,900 As is or \$22,500 Safetied Call 286-3823 May 11/08

Wanted

WANTED used camping trailer over 14' foot. Reasonably priced. Also a swimming pool slide over 10' foot Call 457-2816 May 11/08

WANTED 2 barber chairs or dentist type chairs, Also lounge chairs for front of store contact 705-325-8100 - 11am to 8pm or 705-331-4313 June 11/08

ARTICLES WANTED Old or Antique used furniture, one piece or whole estates bought plus clean-up of everything also cars, trucks, boats trailers if the price is right I will make you a deal on anything call Richard in Tory Hill at 448-3920 May 11/08

WANTED THREE THINGS - Someone to help me learn the Spanish language, 2nd Back hoe attachment or complete back hoe, 3rd a Dobro Guitar Please Call 286-3823

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GOLF LESSONS. Notes from the masters old and new. Work on your swing, short game, and putting. 3 lessons, 3 holes, course management. \$45 clubs and balls provided at Beaverbrook Golf Club. Call 286-1378 R. Hart M.I. May 11/08

GRASS CUTTING. Haliburton - Minden-Carnarvon - Halls Lake - West Guilford - and surrounding area - **CALL PAUL AT 705-457-7766** June 11/08

ODD JOB JACK-YOUR LOCAL HANDYMAN 448-9965 Our services include renos, demos & repairs, cottage maintenance, groundskeeping, eaves trough cleaning, furniture refinishing, any and all odd jobs. We also do windows too! What can we do for you? June 11/08

PROFESSIONAL CARPET & DUCT CLEANING. Upholstery Cleaning & more. Truck - mounted Steam Cleaning System. IICRC Certified Technician. Call Rick Stamp. **The Legend Carpet & Duct Cleaning Centre @ 457-3400** TFN

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Wanted

WORKWANTED Interior and exterior painting, drywalling, and lawn maintenance- call anytime 457-2816 May 11/08

Comm Serv

COMMUNITY CARE HALIBURTON COUNTY is now looking for the following items ... wheelchairs, a raised toilet seat without arms, cuff crutches, walkers with brakes and wheels. If you have any of these items that you no longer need, and would like to see them put to good use, please call Community Care at 457-2941. May 11/08

HIGHLANDS COMMUNITY PREGNANCY CARE CENTRE, Pregnancy tests, information, support. Free, confidential. Lower level Stedman's Mall 457-HOPE, www.haliburtonpregnancycentre.ca May 11/08

CELEBRATE RECOVERY, A Christ-centered recovery group for all of life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. A time of worship, teaching, Small Groups, and community. Meet others journeying this same road as you, & take steps towards freedom from the addictive, compulsive and dysfunctional behaviours that hold your life back. Every Monday Night 7 - 10 PM at Lakeside Baptist Church, 9 Park Street, Haliburton. 457-2851 www.celebraterecovery.com TFN

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**HALIBURTON HIGHLANDS HEALTH SERVICES**
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Home Support Worker
(Permanent Part-time Position)

The Supportive Housing Program is currently seeking an individual to provide personal support services and essential homemaking to frail and/or cognitively impaired person(s) whose service requirements justify the need for availability of 24-hour access to a Home Support Worker. Duties of the Home Support Worker will include providing personal care, light housekeeping, meal preparation and shopping.

In addition to experience providing personal support and home support in the community, the successful candidate must have:

- Current certification in First Aid and CPR
- A valid Driver's License and consistent access to a reliable vehicle
- Personal Support Worker Certification preferred

Please send resume no later than June 2, 2008 to:

Human Resources
Haliburton Highlands Health Services
Box 115, Haliburton, Ontario, K0M 1S0
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Cute cottage in quiet inlet on closed lake with sandy bottom, great fishing and beautiful rapids. Southern exp. New dbl capacity septic & power line. Close to town. Kristin Withey 286-2138

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Beautiful bright 3 BR, 3 bath executive waterfront home on a level treed lot. Open concept LR, sunken family room & stone fireplace. Sunroom, huge patio & gazebo. John Hincks 286-2138

Newer Custom Built Home \$275,000



Stunning 4+1 BR 2000 sq. ft home, 2-single insulated garages on larger private lot central to Minden & Haliburton. Ample storage and extensive decking. Janice Brookes 457-2128

Live in Paradise! \$980,000



Amazing house with oasis view of Bat Lake. Unbelievable privacy with peaceful forest. 3500 sq. ft., 3 bed, 3 baths. Huge patio and so much more. Nuriya (Nora) Kohanova 286-2138

Irondale River \$199,900



Gorgeous riverfront property, lots of room to play & includes private fish pond! Immaculate & charming 3 BR cottage completes this wonderful getaway package! Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

Lt Redstone/Pelaw Lake - \$449,000



Privacy, level lot, southern exp., sand beach, 3-lake chain. 1024 sq ft 4-season cottage with wrap-around decking, furnished. Garage & shed. Pride of Ownership! Shirley Rule and Kerrie Farr 754-2100

Blairhampton \$25,900



1.1 acre well treed building lot, year round access, conveniently located between Minden and Haliburton, waiting for your dream home. Adjacent lot also available. Hank Bertrand 457-2128

Haliburton Lake \$287,500



New diamond in the rough - child friendly sand shoreline & great swimming all on fabulous Haliburton Lake. Open vaulted living room, 3 BRs, come and enjoy. Drew Bishop 457-2128

Big Bob Lake - \$298,000



Natural lot with W. exp. & sweetest 2 BR cottage on the market. Newly renovated. Perfect location only 5 minutes to Minden. Lee Gauthier 489-9968

Kennisis West Shore Rarity \$1,299,000



Absolutely gorgeous newer 4 BR 4 bath home/cottage on 2.61 acres & 240 ft ftg, NW exp. Stunning maple kit with granite counter tops. A must see. Mark Dennys 457-2128

Long Lake \$579,900



Spacious custom-built cottage with MF master with private balcony, twin lofts, open-concept LR and kitchen. 120' ftg. Good privacy, year round road. Susanne James and Andy Mosher 457-2128

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Newly renovated 2 bedroom home located just a few steps from town. Great starter or retirement home. Paul Szpik 457-2128

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This magnificent, Soyers Lake cottage has it all! Huge waterfront, great view & privacy & one of the most stunning cottages you will ever see! Careful, it's loaded! Derrell and Kim Stamp 457-2128

Fantastic Opportunity \$144,900



Charming 3BR home in terrific shape & fully loaded with appliances, furniture and special extras! Very private picturesque 5 acre lot. Greg Stamp 457-2128

Kushog Lake \$298,800



Very neat and clean 3 BR cottage. Great sand/rock shoreline. Boathouse at waters edge with a large sitting deck above it to enjoy the evening sunsets. Wilfred VanLieshout 457-2128

Perfect Family Setting - \$389,000



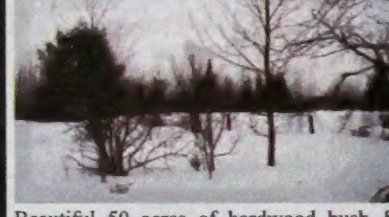
Custom built 4 BR home on 25 acres. Ceramic, granite & hardwood flooring, open concept dining room/kitchen custom built oak cabinets & island, & wrap-around deck. Tom Ecclestone 286-2138

Riverfront Splendor \$299,000



Looking for more space for the family on the school bus route? 3+ BR, 2000 sqft, & level lot with 410 ft on the clean Kennisis River between Big & Little Hawk Lakes. Dagmar Boettcher 286-2138

Haliburton Acreage \$79,900



Beautiful 50 acres of hardwood bush & partially cleared old farm with numerous building locations. 2 access points on year round mun. road. Andrew Hodgson 286-2138

Sharon Lake \$235,000



2 BR starter cottage on no motor lake, many recent renos. Five acre lot at end of road for great privacy and wildlife watching. Anne Moulton 286-2138



Busy licensed restaurant in downtown Haliburton. Turn Key operation. Buy now for busy summer tourist season. Tom Wilkinson 286-2138

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